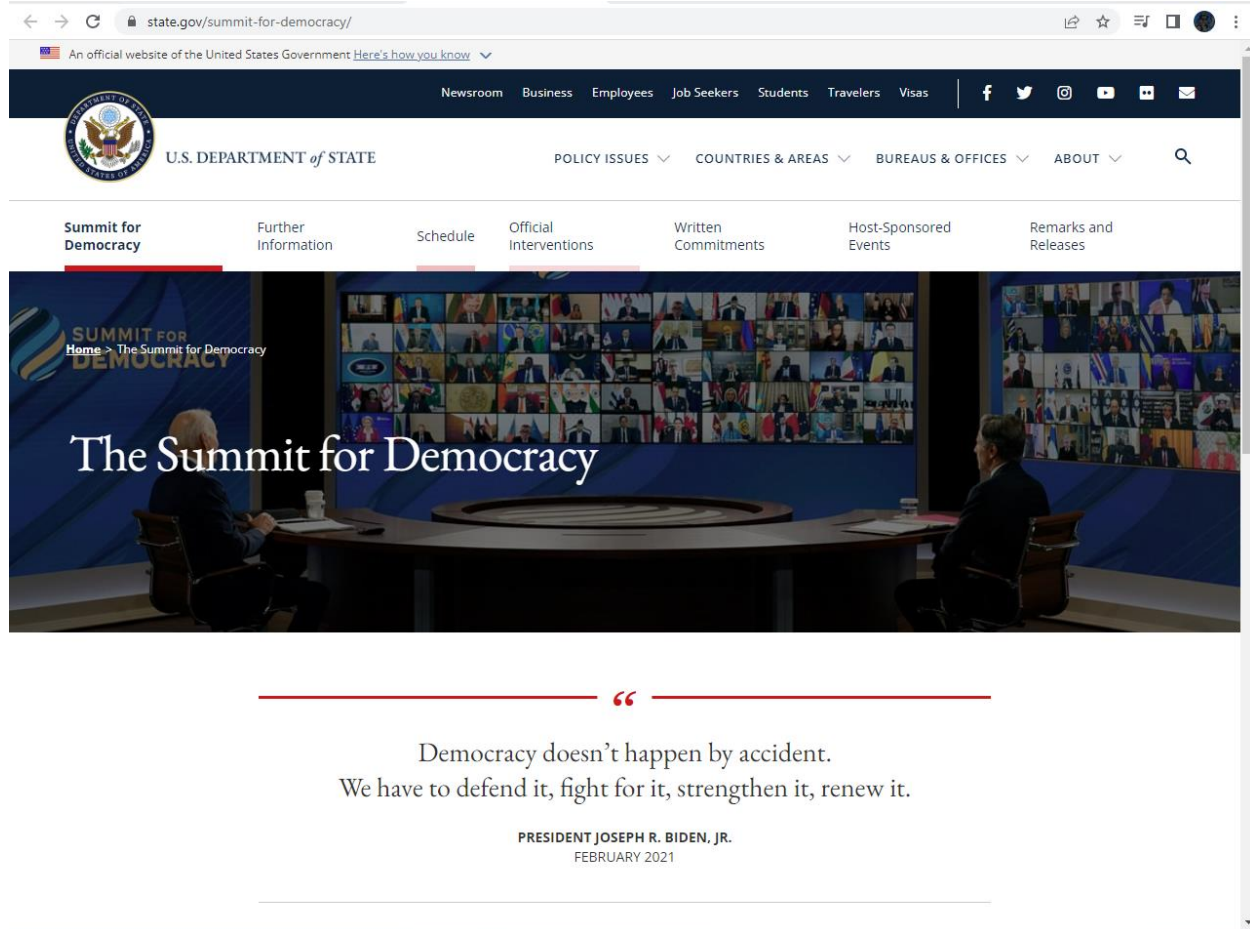


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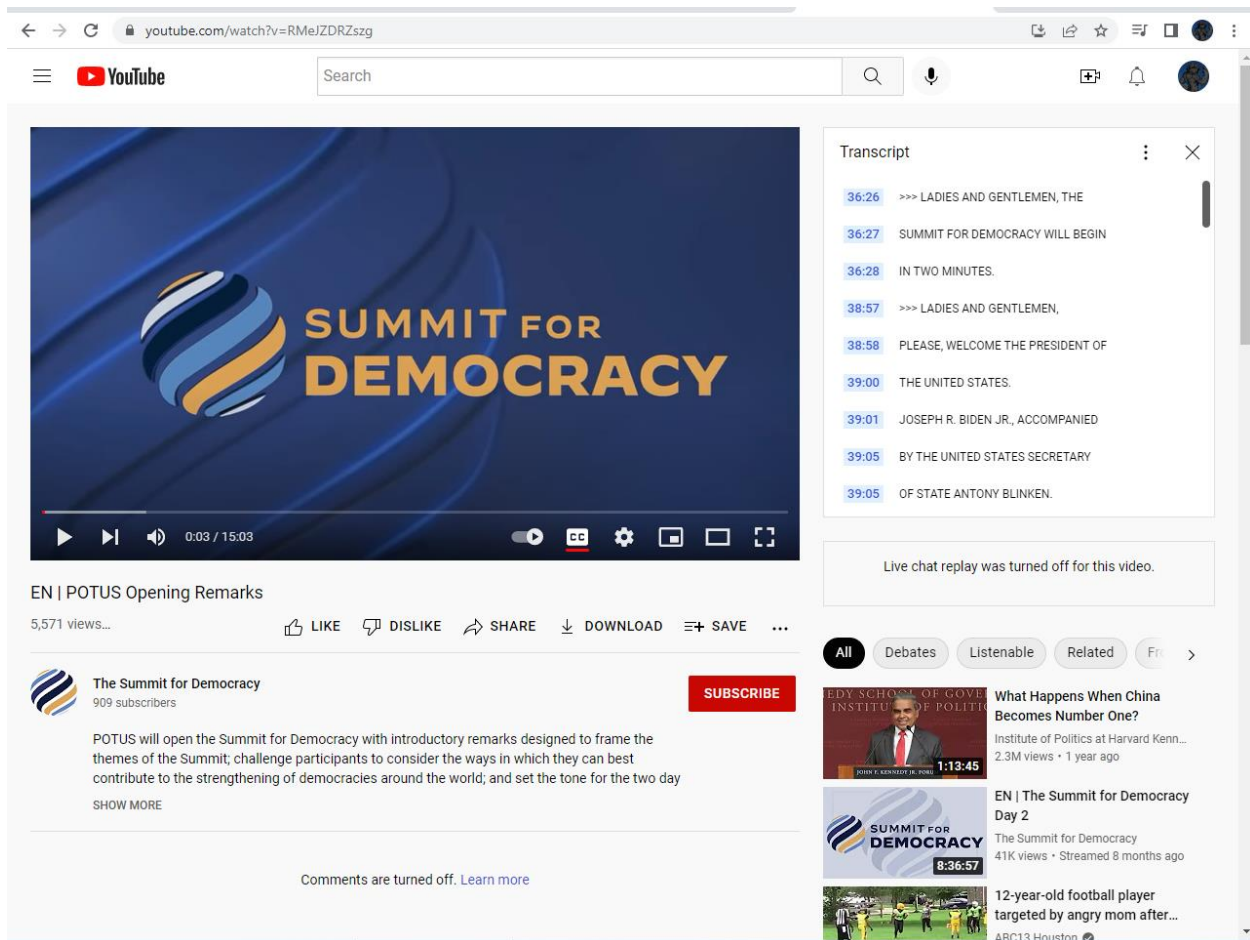
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AND WELCOME TO THE FIRST SUMMIT

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FOR DEMOCRACY.

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THIS GATHERING HAS BEEN ON MY

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MIND FOR A LONG TIME FOR A

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SIMPLE REASON.

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AND-OF-IN THE FACE OF SUSTAINED

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AND ALARMING CHALLENGES TO

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RIGHTS AND ALL AROUND THE WORLD

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DEMOCRACY NEEDS CHAMPIONS.

39:49

I WANTED TO HOST THIS SUMMIT

39:51

BECAUSE HERE IS THE, HERE IN THE

39:54

UNITED STATES, WE KNOW AS WELL

39:56

AS ANYONE THAT RENEWING OUR

39:58

DEMOCRACY AND STRENGTHENING OUR

40:00

DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION REQUIRES

40:03

CONSTANT EFFORT.

40:10

AMERICAN DICK CREEMOCRACY IS AN

40:13

STRUGGLE TO HEAL DIVISIONS,

40:13

RECOMMIT OURSELVES TO THE

40:14

FOUNDING IDEA OF OUR NATION

40:15

CAPTURED IN OUR DECLARATION OF

40:16

INDEPENDENCE, NOT UNLIKE MANY OF

40:18

YOUR DOCUMENTS.

40:18

WE SAY, WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS TO

40:20

BE SELF-EVIDENT THAT ALL WOMEN

40:22

AND MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL

40:24

ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH

40:26

CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS,

40:31

AMONG THEM LIFE, LIBERTY AND

40:33

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

40:34

WE HAVE TO RENEW DEMOCRACY WITH

40:36

EACH GENERATION.

40:37

THIS IS AN URGENT MATTER ON ALL

40:39

OUR PARTS IN MY VIEW.

40:42

BECAUSE DATA WE'RE SEEING IS

40:43

LARGELY POINTING IN THE WRONG

40:47

DIRECTION.

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FREEDOM HOUSE REPORTS IN 2020

40:49

THAT MARKED THE 15th CONSECUTIVE

40:52

YEAR OF GLOBAL FREEDOM AND

40:55

RETREAT.

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ANOTHER RECENT REPORT FROM THE

40:57

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40:59

DEMOCRACY AND ELECTORAL

41:01

ASSISTANTS NOTED MORE THAN HALF

41:02

OF ALL DEMOCRACIES EXPERIENCED A

41:04

DECLINE IN AT LEAST ONE ASPECT

41:06

OF THEIR DEMOCRACY OVER THE LAST

41:08

TEN YEARS, INCLUDING THE UNITED

41:12

STATES.

41:12

AND THESE TRENDS ARE BEING

41:15

EXACERBATED BY GLOBAL CHALLENGES

41:16

MORE COMPLEX THAN EVER AND WHICH

41:18

REQUIRE SHARED EFFORTS TO

41:19

ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS.

41:22

BY OUTSIDE PRESSURE FROM

41:26

AUTOCRATS THEY SEEK TO ADVANCE

41:28

THEIR OWN POWER, EXPORT AND

41:30

EXPAND THEIR INFLUENCE AROUND

41:31

THE WORLD AND JUSTIFY REPRESSIVE

41:34

POLICIES AND PRACTICES AS A MORE

41:36

EFFICIENT WAY TO ADDRESS TODAY'S

41:40

CHALLENGES.

41:40

THAT'S HOW IT'S SOLD.

41:41

BY VOICES THAT SEEK TO FAN THE

41:43

FLAMES OF SOCIAL DIVISION AND

41:45

POLITICAL POLARIZATION AND

41:46

PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY, AND

41:48

WORRYING OF ALL, MOST WORRYING

41:49

OF ALL, BY INCREASING THE

41:52

DISSATISFACTION OF PEOPLE ALL

41:53

AROUND THE WORLD WITH DEMOCRATIC

41:56

GOVERNMENTS THAT THEY FEEL ARE

41:57

FAILING TO DELIVER FOR THEIR

41:59

NEEDS.

42:00

IN MY VIEW, THIS IS THE DEFINING

42:02

CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME.

42:05

DEMOCRACY.

42:05

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE

42:07

PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE.

42:09

CAN AT TIMES BE FRAGILE BUT ALSO

42:12

INHERENTLY RESILIENT, CAPABLE OF

42:15

SELF-CORRECTION AND CAPABLE OF

42:17

SELF-IMPROVEMENT AND, YES,

42:18

DEMOCRACY IS HARD.

42:19

WE ALL KNOW THAT.

42:20

IT WORKS BEST WITH CONSENSUS AND

42:23

COOPERATION.

42:24

WHEN PEOPLE AND PARTIES THAT

42:25

MIGHT HAVE OPPOSING VIEWS SIT

42:27

DOWN AND FIND WAYS TO WORK

42:28

TOGETHER, THINGS BEGIN TO WORK.

42:31

BUT IT'S THE BEST WAY TO UNLEASH

42:33

HUMAN POTENTIAL AND DEFEND HUMAN

42:35

DIGNITY AND SOLVE BIG PROBLEMS.

42:37

AND IT'S UP TO US TO PROVE THAT.

42:40

DEMOCRACIES ARE NOT ALL THE

42:47

SAME.

42:47

WE DON'T ALL AGREE ON EVERYTH

42:49

ALL OF US IN THIS MEETING TODAY

42:50

BUT THE CHOICE WILL DEFINE OUR

42:52

COURSE FOR THE SHARED FUTURE FOR

42:54

GENERATIONS TO COME, AND AS A

42:57

GLOBAL COMMUNITY FOR DEAC CRAZY

42:58

WE HAVE TO STAND UP TO THE

43:00

VALUES THAT UNITE US.

43:01

STAND FOR JUSTICE, THE RULE OF

43:03

LAW, FOR FREE SPEECH, FREE

43:06

ASSEMBLY, A FREE PRESS.

43:11

FREEL OF REFREEDOM OF RELIGION

43:14

ALL RIGHTS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL.

43:16

MY LATE FRIEND CONGRESSMAN JOHN

43:18

LEWIS WAS A GREAT CHAMPION FOR

43:19

CIVIL RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD

43:21

AND FOR DEMOCRACY LEARNING FROM

43:23

AND GAINING INSPIRATION FROM

43:24

GREAT LEADERS LIKE GANDHI AND

43:27

MANDELA.

43:28

HIS FINAL WORDS WHEN DYEING TO

43:30

OUR NATION LAST YEAR, HE

43:31

REMINDED OUR COUNTRY, "DEMOCRACY

43:34

IS NOT A STATE.

43:35

IT'S AN ACT.

43:36

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A STATE.

43:38

IT IS AN ACT."

43:40

SO OVER THE NEXT TWO DAYS WE'RE

43:42

BRINGING TOGETHER LEADERS FROM

43:43

MORE THAN 100 GOVERNMENTS

43:46

ALONGSIDE ACTIVISTS, TRADE

43:47

UNIONISTS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF

43:48

CIVIL SOCIETY, LEADING EXPERTS

43:51

AND RESEARCHERS AND

43:53

REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE

43:54

BUSINESS COMMUNITY, NOT -- NOT

43:57

TO ASSERT IN ANY ONE OF OUR

43:59

DEMOCRACIES IS PERFECT, OR HAS

44:00

ALL THE ANSWERS, BUT TO LOCK

44:02

ARMS AND REAFFIRM OUR SHARED

44:05

COMMITMENT TO MAKE OUR

44:06

DEMOCRACIES BETTER.

44:07

TO SHARE IDEAS AND LEARN EACH

44:11

OTHER AND MAKE CONCRETE

44:13

COMMITMENTS HOW TO STRENGTHEN

44:17

OUR OWN DEMOCRACY, FIGHT

44:21

CORRUPTION.

44:22

PROMOTE RIGHTS EVERYWHERE.

44:23

TO ACT.

44:24

TO ACT.

44:24

THIS SUMMIT IS A KICKOFF OF A

44:26

YEAR IN ACTION FOR ALL OF OUR

44:28

COUNTRIES.

44:28

TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON OUR

44:30

COMMITMENTS AND REPORT BACK NEXT

44:31

YEAR ON THE PROGRESS WE'VE MADE.

44:33

AND AS WE DO THIS, THE UNITED

44:34

STATES IS GOING TO LEAD BY

44:36

EXAMPLE.

44:37

INVESTING IN OUR OWN DEMOCRATIC,

44:40

OUR OWN DEMOCRACY SUPPORTING OUR

44:42

PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD AT THE

44:44

SAME TIME.

44:44

FROM THE EARLIEST DAYS OF MY

44:47

ADMINISTRATION WE PURSUED A

44:49

BROAD-BASED AGENDA TO PROVE THAT

44:50

AMERICAN DEMOCRACY CAN STILL DO

44:52

BIG THINGS AND TAKE ON

44:53

CHALLENGES THAT MATTER MOST.

44:55

THAT'S WHY WE IMMEDIATELY PASSED

44:57

WHAT WE CALLED THE AMERICAN

44:59

RESCUE PLAN.

45:00

TO GET SHOTS IN PEOPLE'S ARMS AS

45:02

FAST AS POSSIBLE AT HOME AND

45:03

AROUND THE WORLD.

45:05

TO HELP GET THIS PANDEMIC UNDER

45:07

CONTROL, AND TO STIMULATE

45:08

INCLUSIVE AND LASTING ECONOMIC

45:10

RECOVERY.

45:11

THAT'S ALSO HELPING TO DRIVE

45:13

GLOBAL GROWTH.

45:14

LAST MONTH, I WAS PROUD TO SIGN

45:16

A BIPARTISAN PIECE OF

45:19

LEGISLATION, A TRUE ACT OF

45:20

CONSENSUS BETWEEN DEMOCRATS AND

45:22

REPUBLICANS, IN OUR COUNTRY.

45:23

THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

45:25

AND JOBS ACT.

45:27

THIS LEGISLATION WILL MAKE A

45:28

GENERATIONAL INVESTMENT TO

45:29

DELIVER WHAT PEOPLE NEED MOST IN

45:31

THE 21st CENTURY.

45:33

CLEAN WATER, SAFE ROADS,

45:36

HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND INTERNET

45:37

AND SO MUCH MORE.

45:38

ALL OF WHICH STRENGTHENS OUR

45:40

DEMOCRACY BY CREATING GOOD

45:42

PAYING UNION JOBS THAT TRANSLATE

45:44

TO LIVES OF OPPORTUNITY AND

45:46

DIGNITY FOR WORKING PEOPLE WITH

45:47

BETTER ACCESS TO THE TOOLS AND

45:49

RESOURCES THEY NEED TO THRIVE.

45:51

AND SOON, AND SOON, I HOPE, I

45:52

HOPE TO SIGN INTO LAW A BILL WE

45:57

CALL THE BUILD BACK BETTER PLAN,

45:59

WHICH WILL BE AN EXTRAORDINARY

46:01

INVESTMENT IN OUR PEOPLE AND OUR

46:03

WORKERS AND GIVE AMERICAN

46:04

FAMILIES JUST A LITTLE MORE

46:05

BREATHING ROOM TO DEAL WITH

46:06

THEIR PROBLEMS AND THEIR

46:08

OPPORTUNITIES.

46:09

OUR DOMESTIC AGENDA HAS BEEN

46:11

FOCUSED ON DELIVERING FOR THE

46:12

NEEDS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,

46:15

STRENGTHENING OUR DEMOCRATIC

46:17

INSTITUTIONS AT HOME.

46:18

MY FIRST DAY IN OFFICE I SIGNED

46:19

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER TO ADVANCE

46:22

RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUALITY, AND

46:24

MY ADMINISTRATION RECENTLY

46:26

RELEASED OUR FIRST NATIONAL

46:27

STRATEGY ON GENDER EQUALITY AND

46:30

EQUITY.

46:30

WE'RE FOSTERING GREATER WORKER

46:32

POWER, BECAUSE WORKERS ORGANIZE

46:35

A UNION TO GIVE THE VOICE OF THE

46:37

WORKPLACE IN THEIR COMMUNITY AND

46:39

COUNTRY ISN'T JUST AN ACT OF

46:40

ECONOMIC SOLIDARITY.

46:42

IT'S DEMOCRACY IN ACTION.

46:43

WE'RE MAKING IT EASY FOR

46:44

AMERICANS TO REGISTER TO VOTE.

46:47

AND WE'RE DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF

46:48

ATTORNEYS DEFENDING AND

46:50

ENFORCING VOTING RIGHTS LAWS

46:52

THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENT OF

46:53

JUSTICE.

46:53

MY ADMINISTRATION WILL KEEP

46:56

FIGHTING TO PASS TWO CRITICAL

46:57

PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT WILL

47:01

SHORE UP AMERICAN DEMOCRACY.

47:03

SACRED RIGHT OF EVERY PERSON TO

47:06

MAKE THEIR VOICE HEARD THROUGH

47:08

FREE, FAIR ELECTIONS.

47:10

WE NEED TO ENACT THE FREEDOM TO

47:12

VOTE ACT AND JOHN LEWIS

47:14

ADVANCEMENT ACT TO PREVENT

47:15

VOTING DISCRIMINATION, PROVIDE

47:17

BASE LINES FOR ASSESSING THE,

47:20

ACCESSING THE BALLOT BOX AND

47:22

ENSURE THE WILL OF THE VOTERS IS

47:24

UPHELD.

47:25

SO MUCH MORE.

47:26

WE SHOULD BE MAKING IT EASY FOR

47:27

PEOPLE TO VOTE.

47:28

NOT HARDER.

47:30

THAT'S GOING TO REMAIN A

47:31

PRIORITY FOR MY ADMINISTRATION

47:32

UNTIL WE GET IT DONE.

47:34

INACTION IS NOT AN OPTION.

47:37

AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK AT HOME

47:39

TO BRING THE UNITED STATES

47:40

CLOSER TO WHAT WE CALL A MORE

47:41

PERFECT UNION, WE'RE DOUBLING

47:43

DOWN ON OUR ENGAGEMENT WITH, AND

47:46

SUPPORTED DEMOCRACIES AROUND THE

47:48

WORLD.

47:48

EARLIER THIS WEEK I RELEASED THE

47:50

FIRST U.S. GOVERNMENT STRATEGY

47:52

ON COUNTERING CORRUPTION, WHICH

47:55

ELEVATES OUR FIGHT AGAINST

47:56

TRANSNATIONAL CORRUPTION.

47:57

A CRIME THAT DRAINS PUBLIC

47:59

RESOURCES AND HOLLOWS OUT THE

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ABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO

48:02

DELIVER FOR THE PEOPLE AND

48:04

EVAPORATES CONFIDENCE THAT THE

48:05

PEOPLE NEED TO HAVE IN THEIR

48:07

GOVERNMENT.

48:08

THE STRATEGY INCLUDES WORKING

48:09

WITH OTHER PARTNERS, ALL OF YOU

48:11

AROUND THE WORLD ON PROVED

48:14

TRANSPARENCY.

48:19

WHOLE

48:21

HOLD CORRUPT, AND LAUNDERING

48:24

MONEY AND TODAY I'M PROUD TO

48:25

LAUNCH THE PRESIDENT'S

48:26

INITIATIVE FOR DEMOCRATIC

48:28

RENEWAL WHICH WILL FOCUS EFFORTS

48:30

ACROSS DIPLOMACY, ACROSS OUR

48:32

DIPLOMACY AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

48:34

PROGRAMS TO BOLSTER DEMOCRATIC

48:36

RESILIENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND

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GLOBALLY.

48:38

WORKING WITH OUR CONGRESS WE'RE

48:40

PLANNING TO COMMIT AS MUCH AS

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\$224 MILLION IN THE NEXT YEAR TO

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SHORE UP TRANSPARENT AND

48:48

ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENTS

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INCLUDING SUPPORTING MEDIA

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FIGHTING INTERNATIONAL

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PROMOTING TECHNOLOGY THAT

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ADVANCES DEMOCRACY, AND DEFINING

49:00

AND DEFENDING WHAT A FAIR

49:01

ELECTION IS.

49:02

LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW EXAMPLES

49:03

OF THE KIND OF WORK THIS

49:06

INITIATIVE IS, WILL ENTAIL.

49:07

A FREE AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA.

49:11

A BEDROCK OF DEMOCRACY HOW

49:13

PUBLIC STAYS INFORMED AND

49:16

GOVERNMENTS ARE HELD

49:17

ACCOUNTABLE.

49:20

AROUND THE WORLD PRESS PREFREED

49:22

IS UNDER THREAT.

49:23

WE'RE COMMITTING SEED MONEY TO

49:25

ANNOUNCE A FUND FOR PUBLIC MEDIA

49:28

INTEREST FOR SUSTAIN INDEPENDENT

49:32

MEDIA AROUND THE WORLD AND

49:33

STANDING UP A NEW DEFAMATION,

49:35

DEFENSE FUND FOR JOURNALISTS.

49:37

TO HELP PROTECT INVESTIGATIVE

49:39

JOURNALISTS AGAINST NUISANCE

49:40

LAWSUITS DESIGNED TO PREVENT

49:41

THEM FROM DOING THEIR WORK,

49:43

VITAL WORK, AROUND THE WORLD.

49:44

WE'RE GOING TO LAUNCH NEW

49:46

PROGRAMS TO HELP CONNECT

49:48

ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTIVITIES

49:50

ACROSS CIVIL SOCIETY, THE MEDIA,

49:53

ACADEMIA, LABOR AND PROTECT

49:55

WHISTLE-BLOWERS AND HELP

49:57

PARTNERS ELIMINATE MONEY

49:58

LAUNDERING AND SAFE HAVENS.

50:00

TO ENSURE THAT OUR DEMOCRACIES

50:02

ARE STRENGTHENING BY THE VOICE,

50:04

STRENGTHENED BY THE VOICE OF ALL

50:05

CITIZENS THIS PRESIDENTIAL

50:06

INITIATIVE INCLUDES PROGRAMS TO

50:08

ADVANCE WOMEN AND GIRLS IN CIVIC

50:11

ENGAGEMENT AND POLITICAL

50:12

LEADERSHIP, AND EMPOWERING THE

50:17

LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.

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INDIVIDUALS TO PARTICIPATE AND

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DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS TO

50:20

PROMOTE LABOR LAW REFORM.

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WORKING, WORK ORGANIZATIONS, AND

50:26

INCLUDES NEW LINES OF EFFORTS

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WITH OUR PARTNERS TO ADDRESS

50:29

ONLINE HARASSMENT AND ABUSE AND

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REDUCE THE POTENTIAL FOR

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COUNTRIES TO ABUSE NEW

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TECHNOLOGIES INCLUDING

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SUPPRESS THE RIGHTS OF THEIR

50:39

PEOPLE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.

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NOW, I WILL STAND UP TO, WE'RE

50:43

GOING TO STAND UP TWO RAPID

50:46

RESPONSE CROSS-CUTTING

50:49

INITIATIVES SUPPORTING THE KEY

50:50

GOALS OF THIS SUMMIT.

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FUND FOR DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL AND

50:54

PARTNERSHIP FOR DEMOCRACY

50:55

PROGRAM.

50:56

IT'S GOING TO ALLOW STATE

51:00

DEPARTMENT USAID TO WORK ON

51:02

DEMOCRATIC FRONT LINES AROUND

51:03

THE WORLD.

51:04

MY FELLOW LEADERS, MEMBERS OF

51:06

CIVIL SOCIETY, ACTIVISTS,

51:08

ADVOCATES, CITIZENS, WE STAND AT

51:10

AN INFLECTION POINT IN HISTORY,

51:13

IN MY VIEW.

51:13

THE CHOICES WE MAY, IN MY VIEW,

51:16

THTHIS TO MOMENT FUNDAMENTALLY

51:17

DETERMINE THE DIRECTION OUR

51:18

WORLD'S GOING TO TAKE IN THE

51:21

COMING DECADES.

51:21

WILL WE ALLOW THE BACKWARD SLIDE

51:24

OF RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY TO

51:25

CONTINUE UNCHECKED?

51:27

OR WILL WE, TOGETHER --

51:29

TOGETHER -- HAVE A VISION AND

51:32

"THE" VISION.

51:33

NOT JUST A VISION, THE VISION

51:35

AND COURAGE TO ONCE MORE LEAD

51:37

THE MARCH OF HUMAN PROGRESS AND

51:40

HUMAN FREEDOM FORWARD?

51:40

I BELIEVE WE CAN DO THAT, AND WE

51:43

WILL.

51:43

IF WE HAVE FAITH IN OURSELVES

51:45

AND IN OUR DEMOCRACIES AND IN

51:47

EACH OTHER.

51:48

THAT'S WHAT THIS SUMMIT IS

51:49

ABOUT.

51:50

I'M SO LOOKING FORWARD TO A

51:51

PRODUCTIVE SESSION, AND

51:54

DISCUSSIONS THAT WE'LL HAVE OVER

51:56

THE NEXT TWO DAYS AND LOOKING

51:57

FORWARD TO THE CONNECTIONS WE'LL

51:58

BUILD TO SUPPORT OUR WORK MOVING

52:01

FORWARD.

52:01

SO LET'S GET TO WORK.

52:03

THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH FOR

52:03

YOUR PATIENCE.

52:07

>> MR. PRESIDENT, THANK YOU SO

52:08

MUCH FOR KICKING OFF THE SUMMIT

52:11

TO DEMOCRACY, AND PUSHING US,

52:13

CONSIDERING HOW WE CAN

52:15

STRENGTHEN OUR DEMOCRACIES TO

52:16

MEET THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US IN

52:17

THIS NEW CENTURY.

52:19

AS THE PRESIDENT MENTIONED, WE

52:21

HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH LOOKING

52:22

FORWARD TO TODAY'S DISCUSSION,

52:23

THE WORK THAT'S GOING TO FOLLOW

52:26

FROM IT, ON HOW DEMOCRACIES CAN

52:28

DELIVER BETTER FOR OUR PEOPLE.

52:29

AND AS THE PRESIDENT SAID IN

52:31

HIS, I THINK WE ALL KNOW, OUR

52:33

DEMOCRACIES ARE FACING GROWING

52:35

CHALLENGES AROUND THE WORLD FROM

52:37

WITHIN AND FROM WITHOUT.

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DECREASING CITIZEN TRUST IN

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GOVERNMENT, THREATS TO

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DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

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WE'VE SEEN A DEMOCRATIC

52:45

RECESSION IN RECENT YEARS, AND

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THESE ARE NOT CHALLENGES TO BE

52:49

TAKEN LIGHTLY.

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WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, BUT

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THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE'RE HERE

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TODAY.

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WHILE EACH ONE OF OUR COUNTRIES

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FACES REAL CHALLENGES, WE ALSO

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KNOW THAT DEMOCRACY REMAINS MOST

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EFFECTIVE WAY TO CHALLENGE THAT

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AND ADVANCE HUMAN DIGNITY TO

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REFORMS IN DEMOCRATIC

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INSTITUTIONS WE HAVE AN IMMENSE

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OPPORTUNITY TODAY TO LEARN FROM

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EACH OTHER'S EXPERIENCES, AND

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THAT'S REALLY ONE OF THE DRIVING

53:17

IDEAS BEHIND THIS GATHERING.

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SO WE WILL NOW BEGIN A

53:22

CLOSED-DOOR SESSION.

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I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST OUR

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FRIENDS FROM THE MEDIA TO LEAVE

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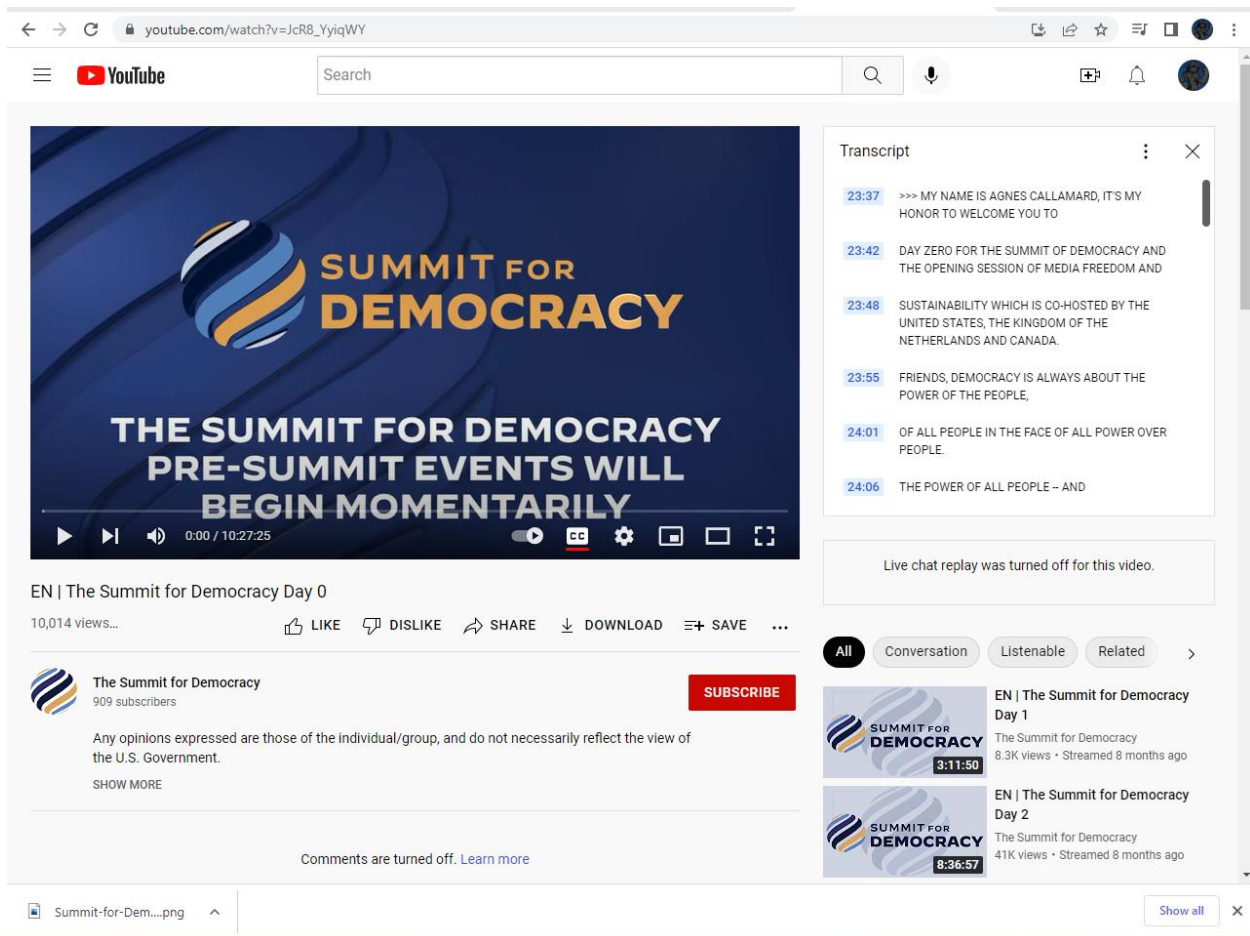
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THAT.

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IT MUST BE FED, NOURISHED, NURTURED, SUSTAINED.

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IT IS NOT FULFILLED BY A BALLOT BOX OR ON THE FLOOR OF THE PARLIAMENT AS IMPORTANT AS THOSE

24:24

MAY BE. THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE IS A FAR GREATER THING. IT REQUIRES AN ECOLOGY, AN

24:33

ECOSYSTEM OF THE PERFECT SQUARES, OF VOICES, OF OPINIONS, OF INFORMATION FLOWS AND

24:40

ANALYSIS WHICH ARE THE LIFE'S STREAMS, TOO, OF PUBLIC

24:45

ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WITHOUT WHICH ALL POWER OVER

24:51

OTHERS DEGRADES, ALL POWER OVER

24:56

US CORRUPT. IT IS THIS UNDERSTANDING WHICH PUSHED THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

25:01

IN ITS VERY FIRST SESSION IN 1946 TO PROCLAIM THAT FREEDOM OF

25:10

INFORMATION IS A FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHT AND A TOUCHSTONE OF

25:15

ALL THE FREEDOMS TO WHICH THE UNITED NATIONS IS CONSECRATED.

25:20

WHEN MEDIA FREEDOM IS SUPPRESSED, IT IS PEOPLES FREEDOM OF INFORMATION THAT IS
THREATENED AND RIGHTS THAT

25:28

SUFFOCATE. WHERE THE LIGHT OF MEDIUM FREEDOM IS DEEMED,

25:34

ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE PEOPLE GOES DARK. I SPEAK NOT IN A METAPHOR BUT

25:41

EMPIRICALLY. THE EVIDENCE OF THOSE TRUTHS IS ALL AROUND US INCLUDING -- INCLUDING IN OLD
AND NEW

25:48

DEMOCRACIES. IT IS IN JOURNALISTS KILLED, ATTACKED AND IMPRISONED, DENIED

25:56

VISAS. IT IS IN MEDIA OUTLETS FORCED BY GOVERNMENTS TO CLOSE OR IN

26:01

MONOPOLIES AND SPECIAL INTERESTS CAPTURING MEDIA DIVERSITY. IT IS IN JOURNALISTIC INQUIRY

26:07

BEING STRIPPED OF IMPARTIALITY, OBJECTIVITY. IT IS ALL AROUND US THREATENING

26:17

THE VERY SOUL OF OUR SOCIETY. IT IS NO WONDER, THEREFORE, THAT WE OPEN A SUMMIT ON
DEMOCRACY

26:23

WITH A FORUM ON MEDIA FREEDOM. THAT WE COME TOGETHER TO SAY

26:28

ENOUGH, AND NO MORE. THAT WE RISE TO FIND AND BUILD

26:33

THE PATHWAYS AWAY FROM TYRANNY,

26:39

AWAY FROM THOSE THINGS AND MOVE TOWARDS HUMAN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS

26:44

FOR US. THE FIRST TO ADDRESS US TODAY IN THAT INQUIRY, INQUEST, IS THE

26:51

UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE, ANTONY BLINKEN. MR. SECRETARY OF STATE, THE

26:58

FLOOR IS YOURS. >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT EFFORTS OF AMNESTY

27:03

INTERNATIONAL AROUND THE WORLD. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE YOUR COURAGEOUS AND RIGOROUS WORK DURING YOUR TENURE AS THE UNITED

27:10

NATIONS SPECIAL REPITOIRE, PARTICULARLY ON THE MURDER OF

27:18

JAMAL KHASHOGGI. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE NETHERLANDS AND FOREIGN MINISTER KNAPEN FOR

27:24

HOSTING THIS WITH US. A SPECIAL THANK YOU AS WELL TO OUR CURRENT CO-CHAIR CANADA FOR ITS LEADERSHIP AND MINISTER JOLY

27:34

FOR JOINING US TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK OF MEDIA

27:39

JOURNALISTS AROUND THE WORLD, THAT INCLUDES ALL THE

27:45

JOURNALISTS WATCHING TODAY. YOUR REPORTING PLAYS AN INDISPENSABLE ROLE IN INFORMING

27:52

THE PUBLIC, HOLDING GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE AND ALL OF WHICH IS

27:57

CRITICAL TO THE HEALTH OF DEMOCRAT SIS LIKE OURS. AS WE ALL KNOW, FOR TOO MANY

28:03

JOURNALISTS, DOING THIS WORK MEANS ENDURING THREATS, HARASSMENT AND ATTACKS. ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE TO

28:09

PROTECT JOURNALISTS, 23 JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN KILLED FOR THEIR WORK IN 2021 AND SCORES MORE HAVE BEEN ATTACKED.

28:16

MORE THAN 350 JOURNALISTS ARE BEING IMPRISONED IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR WORK
ACCORDING TO

28:22

REPORTERS WITHOUT BORDERS. OF COURSE THESE ARE NOT THE ONLY WAYS PRESS FREE DOLLS ARE
UNDER

28:30

FREEDOMS ARE UNDER ASSAULT. GOVERNMENTS ARE GOING AFTER REPORTS WHO SHINE A
SPOTLIGHT ON

28:35

CORRUPTION AND ABUSE. LAST YEAR, NEARLY 20 COUNTRIES PASSED OVERLY BROAD AND VAGUE

28:41

LAWS RELATED TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC WHICH THEY USED TO CRACK DOWN ON JOURNALISTS ON
THE PRETEXT OF COMBATING

28:47

MISINFORMATION. MEDIA WEBSITES AND JOURNALIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS ARE

28:52

BLOCKED, CENSORED OR RESTRICTED IN OTHER WAYS. SOME GOVERNMENTS ARE CUTTING
ADVERTISING FOR INDEPENDENT

28:57

MEDIA OUTLETS THAT THEY SEE AS CRITICAL, DEEPENING THE ECONOMIC

29:03

PRESSURES ON THESE PUBLICATIONS. AS A RESULT, MANY OUTLETS SHUT DOWN, CONSOLIDATED OR
HAVE BEEN

29:08

ACQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT OR CORPORATE ENTITIES. THE NUMBERS OF NEWS DESERTS

29:13

AROUND THE WORLD IS GROWING, DEPRIVING CITIZENS OF THE ACCURATE, TRUSTWORTHY
INFORMATION THEY NEED TO PA

29:21

PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC AND PUBLIC LIFE.

29:27

AFFI ADVOCATES AND FOUNDATIONS ARE DOING EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO PUSH BACK, BUT THEY CAN'T DO IT ALONE. AT THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY

29:33

WE'RE ASKING GOVERNMENTS TO STRENGTHEN FREE, INDEPENDENT MEDIA AND TACKLE THE DIVERSE

29:41

CHALLENGES THEY FACE. WE'RE INCREASING PROTECTION FOR

29:48

THE FREE PRESS AT HOME. IN JULY, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ADOPTED A NEW POLICY TO STOP USING SUBPOENAS, WARRANTS

29:54

AND OTHER INVESTIGATIVE POWERS TO OBTAIN NOTES, WORK PRODUCTS OR OTHER INFORMATION FROM JOURNALISTS ENGAGED IN NEWS

30:03

GATHERING. AT THE SUMMIT, WE'RE INVESTING IN SIGNIFICANT NEW INVESTMENTS TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENT MEDIA IN

30:09

FINANCIAL PERIL. WE'LL MAKE THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE RECENTLY LAUNCHED INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR

30:16

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WHICH PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO AT-RISK NEWS OUTLETS.

30:21

THE FUND WILL BE ADMINISTERED NOT BY GOVERNMENTS BUT BY AN INCLUSIVE GROUP OF JOURNALISTS,

30:28

MEDIA AND EXPERTS. USAID WILL LAUNCH THE MEDIA

30:34

VIABILITY ACCELERATOR WHICH WILL BRING TOGETHER MEDIA OUTLETS, BUSINESS ADVISORY GROUPS TO MAKE

30:40

PRESS OUTLETS MORE SUSTAINABLE FOCUSING ON DATA SHARING, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND

30:45

FINANCIAL SERVICES. THESE NEW EFFORTS WILL COME ATOP THE 2\$236 MILLION PRESIDENT BIDN HAS REQUESTED IN THE 2022 BUDGET

30:52

TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENT MEDIA AROUND THE GLOBE. MORE THAN 40% INCREASE ON THE AMOUNT ALLOTTED IN 2020.

31:00

THIRD, WE'RE LAUNCHING A NEW LIABILITY FUND TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REPORTERS AND NEWS ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE

31:06

TARGETED WITH LITIGATION AS A RESULT OF THEIR REPORTING. THESE INCLUDE CASES LIKE THAT OF DIANA MONROY, AN INVESTIGATIVE

31:15

JOURNALIST I MET. AT THE PEAK OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN ECUADOR, SHE HELPED

31:20

UNEARTH A SCHEME BY A FORMER PRESIDENT AND HEALTH OFFICIALS TO SELL BODY BAGS TO PUBLIC HOSPITALS AT 13 TIMES THEIR

31:27

PRICE. IN RETALIATION, THE FORMER PRESIDENT THREATENED HER LIFE AND FILED A LEGAL SUIT AGAINST

31:35

HER. THE FUND WE'RE LAUNCHING WILL SUPPORT JOURNALISTS LIKE DIANA

31:41

AS THEY DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST SUCH BASELESS EFFORTS. FINALLY, WE WILL BE RELENTLESS ON SHINING A SPOTLIGHT ON

31:47

ATTACKS ON JOURNALISTS AND DEMANDING ACCOUNTABILITY FOR PERPETRATORS. WE KNOW ONE OF THE MOST

31:52

EFFECTIVE WAYS TO PREVENT FUTURE ATTACKS IS BY SENDING A CLEAR MESSAGE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE

31:58

WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW EXAMPLES OF HOW THE UNITED STATES IS DOING THIS RIGHT NOW. WE DENOUNCE CASES PUBLICLY BY

32:05

NAME AND ELEVATE THEM IN OUR BILATERAL ENGAGEMENTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS. WE USE TARGETED SANCTIONS TO

32:11

IMPOSE COSTS ON PERPETRATORS, INCLUDING NEW AUTHORITIES WE CONCEIVED AND IMPLEMENTED SUCH

32:17

AS THE KHASHOGGI BAN. WE PUSHED FOR GREATER MULTILATERAL PRESSURE LIKE THE MEDIA FREEDOM COALITION WHICH

32:24

HAS CONDEMNED OPPRESSION IN BELARUS, HONG KONG, BURMA AND RUSSIA. AND WE CONTINUE TO MAKE DEEP

32:30

LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS IN THE RULE OF LAW SO LOCAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS HAVE THE KNOWLEDGE AND CAPACITY TO EFFECTIVELY

32:37

PROSECUTE THESE CRIMES. AND WHILE IMPUNITY IS STILL THE NORMAL IN FAR TOO MANY CASES, WE

32:42

CANNOT LET UP. BECAUSE IT'S NEVER TOO LATE FOR JUSTICE. JUST LAST WEEK, A COURT IN

32:48

SERBIA CONFIRMED THE CONVICTION OF FOUR FORMER SECURITY OFFICIALS FOR THE MURDER OF A

32:54

JOURNALIST. SLAVKO WAS EXECUTED OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN BELGRADE ON APRIL 11,

33:01

1999 FOR DARING TO CRITICIZE THE COUNTRY'S LEADER AT THE TIME,

33:08

SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC. THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO STAND UP FOR THE BRAVE AND NECESSARY WORK OF JOURNALISTS

33:14

AROUND THE WORLD. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE OTHER COMMITMENTS GOVERNMENTS

33:19

WILL MAKE. NOT ONLY TO PREVENT FUTURE ATTACKS BUT TO SURE UP THE VIBRANT INDEPENDENT PRESS OUR

33:25

DEMOCRACIES DEPEND ON FOR YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU.

33:30

>> MANY THANKS TO SECRETARY OF STATE BLINKEN. WE TURN NOW TO OUR CO-HOST AND

33:37

THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS. THANK YOU. MINISTER KNAPEN, YOU HAVE THE

33:44

FLOOR. >> LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, LET ME START BY SAYING THAT IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE CO-CHAIRING THIS

33:49

SESSION WITH SECRETARY BLINKEN. BOTH OUR COUNTRIES CHERISH MEDIA

33:55

FREEDOM, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO OUR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THIS AREA.

34:00

AND I SAY THE SAME TO MINISTER JOLY, I'M PROUD THAT CANADA AND

34:05

THE NETHERLANDS WILL BE CO-SHARING THE MEDIA FREEDOM COALITION NEXT YEAR. BECAUSE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS

34:13

ESSENTIAL TO A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY. IT'S EASY TO SAY THIS, AND IT'S

34:19

EASY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BASIC TRUTH OF IT, AS I AM SURE WE ALL DO.

34:24

BUT MAKING IT A REALITY, THAT'S INCREDIBLY DIFFICULT.

34:30

EVERY DAY AROUND THE WORLD JOURNALISTS ARE THREATENED, IMPRISONED AND EVEN KILLED.

34:36

JUST FOR DOING THEIR JOB. IT TAKES COLONEL AND DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE

34:42

WORKING UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

34:49

DMITRY MURATOV AND THEIR COLLEAGUES SHOW US WHAT THESE QUALITIES LOOK LIKE. I'M HONORED THAT BOTH OF YOU ARE

34:54

PRESENT AT THIS SESSION. FOR MOST OF MY CAREER, I WAS A

35:00

JOURNALIST MYSELF. THOUGH I NEVER FACED THE DANGERS BOTH OF YOU FACE ON A DAILY

35:05

BASIS, I UNDERSTAND YOUR WORK AND ADMIRE HOW YOU DO IT.

35:11

I FIND IT DEEPLY WORRYING THAT THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MEDIA WORKERS AROUND THE WORLD WHO

35:16

FACE THE SAME DANGERS. IN MY OWN COUNTRY EARLIER THIS YEAR, THE HIGH-PROFILE CRIME

35:24

REPORTER WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN AMSTERDAM. HIS MURDER SHOCKED AND AFFECTED

35:31

OUR NATION. WE DIDN'T THINK THIS COULD HAPPEN IN THE NETHERLANDS, BUT

35:36

WE WERE WRONG. SO WE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE AND WE ARE WORKING

35:41

TO IMPROVE THE SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS. DOING WHAT WE CAN TO PREVENT,

35:48

PROTECT AND PROSECUTE. PREVENT ATTACKS FROM HAPPENING,

35:54

PROTECT JOURNALISTS AGAINST THEM, AND PROSECUTE THOSE

36:00

RESPONSIBLE. IN KEEPING WITH THESE PRINCIPLES, I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THREE PLEDGES TO HELP

36:05

JOURNALISTS AROUND THE WORLD. FIRST, MY COUNTRY WILL PROVIDE

36:12

2.5 MILLION EUROS TO THE TECH TO PROTECT PROGRAM WHICH HELPS

36:17

JOURNALISTS DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST DIGITAL ATTACKS. SECOND, WE WILL ENCOURAGE AND

36:23

SUPPORT CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.N. SPECIAL

36:29

REPORTERS WHOSE WORK RELATES TO THE SPECIAL SAFETY OF JOURNALISTS. THEY NEED MORE CAPACITY TO

36:34

RESPOND TO CRIMES AGAINST JOURNALISTS WORLDWIDE. AND THIRD, WE WILL LAUNCH A 15

36:40

MILLION EURO EMERGENCY FUND FOR JOURNALISTS IN DISTRESS.

36:45

THIS FUND WILL PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO JOURNALISTS

36:50

ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD. BECAUSE HOWEVER COURAGEOUS OR DETERMINED YOU ARE, SOMETIMES

36:57

YOU STILL NEED A HELPING HAND. WE ARE STRETCHING OUT OURS IN

37:02

THE HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL DO THE SAME. BECAUSE JOURNALISTS JUST NEED TO

37:07

BE ABLE TO DO THEIR JOB. AND WE WILL ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP THEM KEEP

37:14

DOING IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> MANY THANKS, MINISTER.

37:21

LET US NOW BRING INTO THE DISCUSSION OUR ESTEEMED PANELISTS. IT IS MOVING AND INSPIRING FOR

37:27

SO MANY OF US THAT WE MEET ON THE EVE OF THE AWARD OF THE

37:36

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, JOURNALISTS CHOSEN NOT ONLY FOR THEIR REMARKABLE SKILLS BUT ALSO FOR THEIR REMARKABLE COURAGE.

37:42

THE FIRST TO JOIN US TODAY BY VIDEO IS DMITRY MURATOV WHO SENT

37:47

US THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE.

38:13

[SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

38:27

>> THOSE WHO DID IT ARE STILL

38:32

UNCOVERED.

38:43

THEY WERE KILLED IN SOUTH AFRICA AND THESE PEOPLE WERE STUDYING

38:49

WHAT HAPPENED IN AFRICA. THE U.N. DID NOT HELP WITH THIS

38:54

PARTICULAR SITUATION. I BELIEVE THAT DEMOCRATIC VALUES

38:59

ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR HUMANITY. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE KILLINGS OF

39:06

JOURNALISTS NEED TO BE DISCOVERED AND THOSE WHO RESPONSIBLE PUNISHED.

39:11

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT CORRUPTION. WE KNOW WHERE THEY HIDE THEIR

39:17

MONEY. WE KNOW HOW THAT MONEY IS USED TO BUY YARDS AND HOUSES. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE

39:22

FUNDS THAT ARE STOLEN ARE RETURNED TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP. THIS IS ONE OF THE PROJECTS THAT

39:29

I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE TO OUR JOURNALISTS TO BEGIN.

39:34

THE FUNDS THAT HAVE BEEN ACQUIRED USING CORRUPT FUNDS, WE

39:41

PROPOSE TO USE THIS FUND TO RETURN THIS MONEY TO THE PEOPLE

39:46

WHO NEED HELP. IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO WORK TODAY BECAUSE DIGITAL GIANTS

39:52

AFFECT DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS. THEY PROVIDE CONTENT BASED ON

40:00

DIRECTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENTS. WE LIVE AT A TIME WHEN THE PROFESSION OF A JOURNALIST IS

40:06

VERY RISKY TO BEGIN WITH. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO BRING THE CONTENT

40:12

TO YOUR READER, TO THOSE WHO WATCH YOU. I BELIEVE THIS IS A GLOBAL

40:18

CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRATIC VALUES, AND I WOULD LIKE FOR US TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS.

40:24

LAST, IN OUR COUNTRY, MANY JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN DESCRIBED

40:31

AS FOREIGN AGENTS OR ENEMIES OF

40:37

PEOPLE. IN OUR COUNTRY, THERE IS A LAW LIKE THIS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE IN

40:42

MANY COUNTRIES TO GET RID OF THIS TERRIBLE STATEMENT THAT

40:48

AFFECTS OUR COUNTRY AND SOMETIMES IS BECOMING VERY

40:53

DIFFICULT TO -- >> THE TOLL PAID BY SO MANY

40:58

JOURNALISTS SIMPLY FOR DOING THEIR WORK.

41:03

IN AFGHANISTAN, FOR INSTANCE, JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN MURDERED,

41:09

THREATENED, SILENCED BY THE TALIBAN AND OTHER PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT. WE ARE SO FORT
NAUNATE TO BE JOD

41:18

BY ONE OF OUR PANELISTS,

41:25

REPORTER, SANA SAFI. CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THOSE IN COUNTRIES LIKE AFGHANISTAN?

41:30

>> THANK YOU. THE TALIBAN TOOK CONTROL OF AFGHANISTAN ON THE 15th OF AUGUST.

41:35

IN THE WEEK BEGINNING THE 6th OF SEPTEMBER, PICTURES AND VIDEOS OF SOME JOURNALISTS WERE
SHARED

41:42

ON SOCIAL MEDIA IT THAT SHOWED THEY WERE FLOGGED WITH CABLES WHILE OUT COVERING A
PROTEST BY

41:48

WOMEN. IT SHOCKED MOST PEOPLE, BUT AS A JOURNALIST WHO HAS COVERED

41:55

AFGHANIS AFGHANISTAN FOR MORE THAN A DECADE, I WAS NOT SHOCKED. JOURNALISTS TELL ME THE CURRENT

42:00

TALIBAN REGIME, TERRORIST GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY, NONSTATE ACTORS STILL PRESENT IN THE COUNTRY,

42:07

ORGANIZED CRIME GROUPS, CYBER CRIMINALS, ALL POSE A THREAT TO THEIR SAFETY AND TO HOW THEY

42:14

WORK. EVEN BEFORE THE TALIBAN TAKEOVER, AFGHAN JOURNALISTS

42:20

REPORTED ABUSE AND INTIMIDATION AT THE HANDS OF POWERFUL, CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND

42:26

LOCAL STRONGMEN WHO AS ONE WOMAN PUT IT TO ME BEFORE THE TALIBAN

42:32

TAKEOVER OF AFGHANISTAN, THEY CAN RUIN MY REPUTATION, THEY CAN RUIN MY LIFE, THEY CAN RUIN MY

42:38

CAREER. THESE PEOPLE FEEL ABOVE THE LAW. LIKE WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC EYE

42:44

EVERYWHERE, AFGHAN FEMALE JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA WORKERS ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE. FEMALE AFGHAN MEDIA WORKERS FACE

42:52

AND FIGHT SEVERAL BATTLES AT ONCE. AT HOME, IN THE WORKPLACE, IN

42:57

SOCIETY, AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

43:03

THEY TELL ME THEY DON'T FEEL SAFE ANYWHERE IN ANY OF THESE SPACES. >> THANK YOU.

43:08

THANK YOU, SANA. AS WE ARE HEARING, UNDER AN

43:14

AUTHORITARIAN FORM OF GOVERNMENT, JOURNALISTS ARE TOLD TO WALK THE LINE, OR TO WORK

43:20

ACCORDING TO THE DEMANDS OF THE POWERFUL OR ELSE THEY FACE IMPRISONMENT OR WORSE.

43:28

THIS IS THE CASE IN AFGHANISTAN, IT IS THE CASE IN RUSSIA, IT'S THE CASE IN MANY COUNTRIES

43:33

AROUND THE WORLD INCLUDING CHINA AND HONG KONG. WE ARE LUCKY HERE TO WELCOME THE

43:38

SECOND PANELIST, BAY FANG, PRESIDENT OF RADIO FREE ASIA TO HELP US UNDERSTAND THOSE

43:45

CHALLENGES. BAY FANG, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE HERE.

43:51

ABSOLUTELY, YOU'RE CORRECT. JUST AS DMITRY POINTED OUT, WHEN WE AS JOURNALISTS WORK WITHOUT

43:58

FEAR OF FAVOR TO BRING TRUTH TO LIGHT, THOSE GOVERNMENTS, THEY MANAGE TO STAY IN POWER BY

44:04

KEEPING THE TRUTH FROM THEIR PEOPLE AND WILL USE EVERY MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL TO STOP,

44:09

CENSOR OR RESTRICT US. WE SEE THAT IN ALMOST EVERY COUNTRY WE WORK IN. WE WERE CREATED BY CONGRESS WITH

44:15

MISSION TO PROVIDE OBJECTIVE UNCENSORED NEWS TO PEOPLE INSIDE AUTHORITARIAN COMPANIES IN ASIA

44:21

AND TO ACT AS A COUNTER TO THE PROPAGANDA AND DISINFORMATION

44:26

THEIR GOVERNMENTS SPREAD. IT PUTS OUR REPORTERS SQUARE IN THE SIGHTS OF THESE GOVERNMENTS.

44:33

GOING BEYOND TRADITIONAL, PHYSICAL THREATS AND JAILING, BUT ALSO WEAPONIZING LEGAL SYSTEMS, USING CYBERINTIMIDATION

44:40

AND EXTENDING THEIR INFLUENCE BEYOND THEIR BOARDERS BY TARGETING FAMILIES AND LOVED

44:46

ONES. A PRIME EXAMPLE IN THAT IS IN OUR UIGHUR SERVICE. A DOZEN REPORTERS BASED IN

44:51

WASHINGTON, D.C. WHICH LED THE WORLD IN REPORTING ON THE BRUTAL DETENTION OF MILLIONS OF UIGHURS AND MUSLIM MINORITIES IN CHINA'S

44:57

FAR WEST, BASICALLY MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT TO DENY THE EXISTENCE OF THE DETENTION CAMPS AND THEIR

45:04

CREATION OF A SURVEILLANCE STATE. EARLY DOCUMENTATION OF THESE ABUSES CREATED A CRUCIAL PUBLIC

45:11

RECORD FOR THE WORLD INFORMING THE U.S. DECLARATION OF GE

45:17

GENOCIDE. IN AN ATTEMPT TO SILENCE REPORTERS, THE CCP DECIDED TO HOLD THEIR FAMILIES HOSTAGE, SEIZING AND LOCKING UP THEIR

45:22

MOTHERS, THEIR BROTHERS, THEIR NIECES AND NEPHEWS, TELLING THEM IN NO UNCERTAIN TILES WHY THEY

45:27

WERE DOING SO. IN ALL, AN ESTIMATED 50 NAMELY MEMBERS HAVE BEEN JAILED,

45:33

DETAINED OR ARE MISSING IN RETALIATION FOR THE WORK OUR REPORTERS DO. AS THE LATE GREAT "WASHINGTON

45:39

POST" EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR FRED HYATT, WHO WE SAD LY LOST THIS

45:45

WEEK PUT IN AN ARTICLE, NO ONE HAS BEEN MORE VICTIMIZED BY THIS THAN THE REPORTERS OF RADIO FREE

45:51

ASIA WHO HAVE DONE MORE THAN ANYONE IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS TO REVEAL THE TRUTH. AND YET NOTHING HAS CHANGED

45:57

ABOUT THE SITUATION. WE'VE SEEN THESE TACTICS SPREAD THROUGHOUT ASIA AND RECENT YEARS WITH GOVERNMENTS SEEMINGLY

46:03

EMPOWERED BY THE LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS DOUBLE DOWN ON TRADITIONAL BRUTE

46:08

FORCE INTIMIDATION. IN BURMA, AFTER THE COUP EARLIER

46:15

THIS YEAR, INDEPENDENT NEEMEDIAS

46:20

ELIM ELIMINATED. SOME REPORTERS HAVE BEEN IN HIDING SINCE. ONE OF OUR VIDEOGRAPHERS FLED ON

46:28

FOOT TO ESCAPE ARREST AND STAYED IN THE JUNGLE FOR WEEKS AND

46:34

NEVER STOPPED SENDING US HER VIDEO REPORTS. THE COVID PANDEMIC OF THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF MADE IT EASIER

46:40

FOR GOVERNMENTS TO UNDERMINE PRESS FREEDOM.

46:46

AUD CARAT AUTOCRATS USED CATCH-ALL LIBEL

46:54

LAWS TO CATCH JOURNALISTS. IT'S JUST AS RELEVANT IN PLACES LIKE HUNGARY, TURKEY AND EGYPT.

47:00

AT A TIME WHEN IT'S MOST IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE ACCESS TO THE TRUTH FOR THEIR OWN HEALTH AND SAFETY, WE SEE

47:05

GOVERNMENTS TWISTING THE SITUATION TO THEIR OWN ENDS. I'LL END BY SAYING THIS IS WHY

47:10

THIS CONVERSATION IS SO IMPORTANT. SINCE MY OWN DAYS REPORTING FROM THE FIELD IN CHINA, NORTH KOREA,

47:17

AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ, I KNOW HOW CRUCIAL IT IS TO FEEL THE SUPPORT OF AN ORGANIZATION AND A GOVERNMENT THAT BELIEVES IN THE

47:23

IMPORTANCE OF A FREE PRESS. SO I'M HAPPY TO BE JOINING WITH MY FELLOW PANELISTS IN SEEKING

47:28

WAYS TO BETTER PROTECT JOURNALISTS AROUND THE WORLD. FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS NOT AN END IN AND OF ITSELF, IT'S A WAY

47:35

TO ENLIGHTEN AND EMPOWER PEOPLE TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE.

47:41

THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. THANK YOU, BAY FANG.

47:46

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS IS A TOOL FOR FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY.

47:53

AND NO ONE HAS SEEN MORE OF THE FAILURES OF PROTECTING PRESS

47:58

FREEDOM AND THE IMPACT OF DOING SO THAN NOBLE LAUREATE MARIA

48:16

RESA. >> HELLO. I'M MARIA RESA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR COMING TOGETHER TO TALK

48:21

ABOUT DEMOCRACY. IT IS THIS EXISTENTIAL MOMENT,

48:27

THIS IS MY 35th YEAR AS A JOURNALIST, I NEVER LIVED THROUGH ANYTHING LIKE THIS. IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS, STARTING

48:34

IN 2019, THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT GAVE ME TEN ARREST

48:40

WARRANTS. I'M OUT ON BAIL, I HAD TO POST BAIL TEN TIMES JUST FOR DOING MY JOB AS A JOURNALIST.

48:48

LET ME BRING TWO THINGS THAT, YOU KNOW, WE TALK ABOUT A LOT, TWO DIFFERENT TOPICS, BUT WE

48:53

RARELY PUT THEM TOGETHER. AND I THINK THIS IS PART OF THE REASON WHY THE NOBEL PRIZE WAS

48:59

GIVEN TO JOURNALISTS THIS YEAR. AND THAT IS JOURNALISM, WHAT W

49:08

DO AND TECHNOLOGY. I KNOW YOU'LL BE TALKING ABOUT BOTH OF THESE AND THE ROLE OF STATES, THE ROLE OF CIVIL

49:14

SOCIETY. SO, OFTENTIMES WE THINK OF JOURNALISM AND TECHNOLOGY AS TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT THINGS.

49:20

IN THE END, THEY'RE ACTUALLY NOT. THEY'RE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN AND THE THEME THAT I'LL BE

49:28

TALKING ABOUT IN MY LECTURE IS WHAT THAT COIN IS. THINK ABOUT IT LIKE THIS.

49:34

JOURNALISM, FLIP IT, TECHNOLOGY. WHAT IS THE COIN? WELL, THAT COIN IS ACTUALLY

49:41

BRIGHT NOW A VERY NEGATIVE THING. IT IS THE STATE OF OUR DEMOCRACY. AND I'LL DESCRIBE IT IN TWO

49:49

WAYS. IT IS KIND OF THE ABSENCE OF LAW AND ALSO THE ABSENCE OF

49:57

DEMOCRATIC VISION. I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU HANGING THERE, BUT THINK ABOUT IT.

50:02

YOU KNOW, WHAT IS IT THAT CONTROLS EVERYTHING IN OUR REALITY, IN OUR SHARED SPACE?

50:09

IT REALLY IS THE INFORMATION ECOSYSTEM SO THE OLD GATEKEEPERS, JOURNALISTS, HAVE

50:14

JUST BEEN REPLACED BY THE NEW GATEKEEPERS, TECHNOLOGY. AND FOR SOME REASON WE HAVE

50:23

ALLOWED LIES LACED WITH ANGER AND HATE TO ACTUALLY SPREAD

50:28

FASTER AND FURTHER THAN FACTS. THIS HAS BEEN EXPLOITED. THIS IS KIND OF A -- A

50:34

MARKETING -- IT STARTED OUT AS A MARKETING AND ADVERTISING TOOL BUT NOW IT'S EXPLOITED BY POWER.

50:41

WORST GEOPOLITICAL POWER. LET ME STOP AT THAT AND JUST SAY THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR

50:50

COMING TOGETHER AT THIS PIVOTAL MOMENT. I LONG SAID AN INVISIBLE ATOM

51:00

BOMB HAS EXPLODED IN OUR ECOSYSTEM. LIKE IN WORLD WAR II, THE WORLD NEEDS TO COME TOGETHER TO PREVENT THE WORST OF HUMANITY

51:09

FROM BECOMING THE NORM. IMAGINE IF WE NEVER CAME

51:16

TOGETHER AFTER HIROSHIMA, THAT WE NEVER CREATED THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OR

51:21

THE UNITED NATIONS. ALL OF THESE ACTUALLY LED BY THE UNITED STATES AT THAT POINT, RIGHT?

51:26

THE LAST THING I'LL SAY IS THE LAST TIME A JOURNALIST WAS GIVEN

51:32

THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WAS IN

51:37

1936. HE NEVER GOT TO OSLO. HE LANGUISHED IN A NAZI

51:43

CONCENTRATION CAMP. IN MANY WAYS WE ARE RIGHT BACK TO THE FUTURE. WE HAVE TO LOOK TO THE PAST, BUT

51:48

AT THE SAME TIME THE TECHNOLOGY THAT'S GOVERNING OUR LIVES,

51:54

GOVERNING OUR PERCEPTION OF THE WORLD, GOVERNING OUR SHARED

51:59

SPACE, THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED. WE HAVE NEVER LIVED THROUGH ANYTHING LIKE THIS BEFORE.

52:05

SO GOOD LUCK. PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T HAVE A

52:11

TEN-YEAR TIMELINE. WE HAVHAVE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIO

52:19

IN THE PHILIPPINES NEXT YEAR. IF YOU DON'T HAVE INTEGRITY OF FACTS, HOW CAN YOU HAVE INTEGRITY OF ELECTIONS? HOW CAN DEMOCRACY HAVE MEANING

52:26

IF WE DON'T HAVE FACTS UNDERPINNING OUR SHARED REALITY? THAT'S THE STATE WE'RE IN.

52:32

THANK YOU. THANKS FOR HAVING ME. THANKS FOR LISTENING. I WISH YOU LUCK.

52:39

>> THANK YOU, MARIA. SHE REALLY -- I LIKE WHAT SHE

52:48

SAID SO WELL, WHAT IS AT STAKE HERE AND MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT WE ARE ALSO CONFRONTING THE

52:54

WEAKENING OF DEMOCRACIES, OF EXISTING DEMOCRACIES AND THE

53:02

AMPLIFICATION OF THE WEAKENING FOR THE PROTECT SHUN ION OF RIGD

53:09

MEDIA FREEDOM IS UNPRECEDENTED. SHE IS ALSO HIGHLIGHTING SOMETHING INTERESTING, BUT JOURNALISM AND TECHNOLOGY ARE

53:15

THE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN. CURRENTLY THAT COIN IS A WEAK DEMOCRACY, LACKING INTEGRITY.

53:22

SO, TURNING TO SHEILA CORONEL.

53:27

MAY I ASK YOU AS DIRECTOR OF THE STUDY CENTER FOR INVESTIGATIVE

53:33

JOURNALISM AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, WHY DOES INNOVATIVE

53:39

JOURNALISM AND ITS SUSTAINABILITY MATTER SO MUCH FOR DEMOCRACIES AND FOR OTHER

53:44

REGIMES ALIKE? >> THANK YOU.

53:50

JOURNALISTS ARE THE CANARIES IN THE COAL MINE. IF THEIR EXISTENCE IS

53:56

THREATENED, THEIR DEMOCRACY IS AT RISK AS WELL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE GOVERNMENTS WHO PRESENTED IN THIS PANEL FOR RECOGNIZING THE

54:03

CENTRALITY OF PRESS FREEDOM TO THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY. WE ARE OUTNUMBERED AND OUTGUNNED.

54:08

WE ARE IN AN ASYMMETRICAL FIGHT

54:14

FOR FACTS AND TRUTH. IN AROUND THE WORLD,

54:22

STATE-FUNDED PROPAGANDA MACHINES AND BAD ACTORS HAVE BEEN LET LOOSE IN THE INFORMATION SPACE.

54:29

MEANWHILE, INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA ARE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE.

54:35

TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, MOST OF THEM HERE IN THE U.S., HAVE SUCKED UP THE ADVERTISING

54:40

REVENUES THAT HAVE ONCE ALLOWED MEDIA COMPANIES WORLDWIDE TO INVEST IN PROFESSIONAL AND

54:46

FACT-BASED AND ACCOUNTABILITY JOURNALISM. LAST APRIL, U.N.

54:52

SECRETARY-GENERAL ANTONIO GUTERRES WARNED THAT THE PANDEMIC WOULD BRING ABOUT MEDIA

54:59

EXTI EXTINCTION. HE SAID NEWSPAPERS ALONE LOST \$30 BILLION IN 2020.

55:05

INDEPENDENT MEDIA, INDEPENDENT OF THE GOVERNMENT, OF POLITICAL

55:10

FACTIONS, OF VESTED INTERESTS CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT A FINAL

55:16

BASE. AND YET WE ARE BEING SQUEEZED FINANCIALLY. IN SOME COUNTRIES, NEW LAWS BAN

55:21

THE MEDIA FROM GETTING SUPPORT FROM FOREIGN DONORS. THEIR OWNERS AND FUNDERS HAVE

55:28

BEEN THREATENED, INVESTIGATED. HOSTILE GOVERNMENT IS, AND

55:33

BUSINESSES ARE TAKING OVER NEWS

55:39

ORGANIZATIONS. A PHENOMENON KNOWN AS MEDIA CAPTURE. IN SOME CASES MEDIA COMPANIES HAVE BEEN SHUT DOWN.

55:45

THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IS NO LONGER ABLE TO BROADCAST.

55:53

MARIA RESSA HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF TAX EVASION AND VIOLATING THE RULES AGAINST FOREIGN OWNERSHIP

55:58

OF THE MEDIA.

56:04

JOURNALIST EL FARO HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH MONEY LAUNDERING AND SUBJECTED TO FINANCIAL

56:11

AUDITS. THIS WEEK THE WHITE HOUSE RELEASED AN ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY THAT RECOGNIZES THE

56:17

ROLE OF THE PRESS, ESPECIALLY OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION.

56:27

YOU EXPECT JOURNALISTS TO BE ON THE FRONT LINES ON THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY, YOU SEE THEM AS WATCHDOGS WHO GUARD AGAINST

56:34

CORRUPTION. FACT-BASED REPORTING HELPS ENSURE A SAFER, HEALTHIER AND

56:41

GREENER FUTURE. WE EMBRACE THIS ROLE, BUT WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE

56:48

COMMUNITY. THAT SUPPORT MUST BE GIVEN IN THE SPIRIT OF HUMILITY AND

56:54

SOLIDARITY. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, WE ARE IN THE SAME BOAT.

56:59

THE DELUGE IS GLOBAL. IN YEAR THERE WERE 141 ASSAULTS ON JOURNALISTS IN THE U.S.

57:06

57 JOURNALISTS WERE ARRESTED OR DETAINED. WESTERN DEMOCRACIES MUST

57:14

STRENGTHEN FREEDOM AND MEDIA SUSTAINABILITY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES SO THEY CAN BE CREDIBLE TO AUTOCRATS.

57:25

THE THREATS TO LOCAL AND COMMUNITY MEDIA AND TO PUBLIC INTERESTS AND INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM ARE THREATS TO

57:32

DEMOCRACY. GOVERNMENTS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD THEREFORE JOIN US IN THE SEARCH FOR FINANCIAL

57:38

SOLUTIONS THAT MAKE SUCH JOURNALISM VIABLE. THESE INCLUDE ACCESS TO GRANTS,

57:44

LOANS AND CAPITAL WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED. PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THE MEDIA

57:50

MUST INCLUDE PRESS FREEDOM AND JOURNALISTIC SAFETY AS KEY COMPONENTS.

57:55

THEIR GOALS SHOULD NOT BE THE PROMOTION OF NATIONAL SECURITY INTERESTS, BUT THE CREATION OF A HEALTHY ECOSYSTEM, OF FACT-BASED

58:06

NEWS AND INFORMATION. FRANCE SAID JOURNALISTS MAKES THE WORLD LESS DARK.

58:11

I HOPE YOU WILL STAND WITH US WHEN WE CAST THE LIGHT. THANK YOU.

58:17

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU, SHEILA. AGAIN, YOU ARE POINTING OUT

58:23

VERY, VERY STRONGLY THAT THE FIGHT HERE IS NOT JUST FOCUSING

58:28

ON SO-CALLED AUTHORITARIAN REGIME. WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THE SOUL OF

58:34

DEMOCRACIES AS THEY EXIST RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THE TRENDS ARE EXTREMELY PROBLEMATIC.

58:43

THE WEAKENING OF THOSE PROTECTIONS AND PRESS FREEDOMS IN DEMOCRACIES.

58:48

SO WE NEED TO REALLY FOCUS ON THE PROTECTION OF MEDIA FREEDOM.

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WE ALSO NEED TO DO SO TOWARDS THE FINANCIAL LENSES WHICH IS AN

59:01

IMPORTANT CRUCIAL DIMENSION. NOW TURNING TO JENNIFER AVILA

59:07

REYES, WHO IS FOUNDING EDITOR AND CHIEF OF CONTRA CORRIENTE, WHO IS PUBLISHING REALLY

59:13

POWERFUL PIECES IN ONE OF THE

59:19

REGION'S MOST HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS. JENNIFER, CAN YOU SHARE WITH US YOUR EXPERIENCE
IN FIGHTING FOR

59:26

THE SUSTAINABILITY OF MEDIA IN SUCH AN ENVIRONMENT? HOW DO YOU DO IT?

59:32

WHAT BUSINESS MODEL CAN WORK? WHAT OTHER CHALLENGES ARE YOU

59:40

CONFRONTING? >> Translator: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

59:48

HAVING AN INDEPENDENT MEDIA IN

59:54

HONDURAS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE WE'RE TRYING TO

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FIND -- TO TRY TO FIND INTENSE

1:00:06

-- INDEPENDENCE IS DIFFICULT. THERE'S AN ENORMOUS CHALLENGE BECAUSE OF THAT.

1:00:15

WE ARE IN A PRECARIOUS SITUATION WHERE WE CANNOT EXPECT SUPPORT TO BE GIVEN.

1:00:24

IN ADDITION, IT IS AN EXPENSIVE

1:00:47

THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY BECAUSE JOURNALISM REQUIRES EDUCATING THE PUBLIC.

1:00:54

ON THE OTHER HAND WE EXIST WITH A BUSINESS MODEL WHICH IS

1:01:02

REVOLUTIONARY AND WE DON'T HAVE THE TYPICAL INCOME OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRY WITH PRIVATE

1:01:12

BUSINESS COMMERCIALS FUNDING US. WE USUALLY HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE

1:01:21

ISSUE OF TRAFFICKING AND WHAT WE

1:01:27

ARE SEEING IS THAT MANY MEDIA --

1:01:57

[SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

1:02:22

>> Translator: STATE ACTORS ARE THE ONES WHO CARRY OUT VIOLENCE AGAINST JOURNALISTS. AND WE ALSO HAVE JOURNALISM --

1:02:29

WE'RE DOING JOURNALISM WHICH MAKES A POLARIZED SOCIETY IN OUR COUNTRY SO UNCOMFORTABLE.

1:02:36

WE MUST -- THE FACT THAT WE GO AGAINST THE STREAM AND ARE NOT

1:02:45

SUPPORTING THE RHETORIC IS REALLY UNCOMFORTABLE TO MANY. SO HOW ARE WE SUSTAINING

1:02:50

OURSELVES? WE ARE GETTING FUNDING FROM FOREIGN ORGANIZATIONS WITH FLEXIBLE FUNDING THAT DOES NOT

1:02:55

IMPOSE AN AGENDA ON US, BUT RATHER REINFORCE OUR AGENDA IN A

1:03:01

COUNTRY LIKE OURS. THIS, HOWEVER, CONTINUES IN

1:03:09

TELLING A HUGE CHALLENGE FOR THE MEDIA IN ACHIEVING THE RECEPTION OF THESE FUNDS AND INDEPENDENCE

1:03:16

AT THE SAME TIME. WE ALSO DO COLLABORATIVE AND GLOBAL JOURNALISM. THE IMPACT OF INTERCONNECTEDNESS

1:03:24

IS PRECISELY WHAT KEEPS US CONNECTED TO GLOBAL MEDIA.

1:03:29

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO OUR CITIZENS IN THE END? IN HONDURAS WE'RE GOING THROUGH

1:03:35

A CRUCIAL MOMENT. WE'RE SEEING THE END OF WHAT WE BELIEVE TO BE THE END OF AN

1:03:44

AUTO AUTOCRACY, WHICH IS -- WAS

1:03:51

IMPLANTED BY A COUP DE TATE.

1:03:56

WE WANT TO SEE NEW CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN FORMED BY INDEPENDENT MEDIA GIVING THEM THE CLEAR

1:04:02

INFORMATION OF OUR REALITY THAT WE'RE LIVING. WE KEY A NEW GENERATION OF

1:04:08

CITIZENS THAT ARE CONCERNED AND DEMANDING CHANGE IN SPITE OF BEING NEGATIVELY AFFECTED AND,

1:04:14

IN FACT, THEY SOMETIMES CANNOT SEE -- WANT TO SEE OR SERVE A

1:04:19

FUTURE OUTSIDE OF THEIR BORDERS. THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO HAVE INDEPENDENT MEDIA. IT IS AT TIMES LIKE THIS WHERE

1:04:26

WE ARE ABLE TO FORM GOOD JOURNALISTS WHO WILL ALLOW US TO

1:04:35

IDENTIFY PROPULIST AND CORRUPT PRACTICES THAT HAVE DEGRADE D

1:04:42

DEMOCRACY IN OUR REGION. >> THANK YOU. SO, WE NOW HAVE LISTENED TO ALL

1:04:48

THE PANELISTS, INCLUDING THE TWO

1:04:53

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE, AND WE HAVE, I THINK, DRAWN A PRETTY BLEAK

1:04:59

PICTURE OF THE LANDSCAPE. THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT OF HOPE COMING FROM JENNIFER BECAUSE SHE

1:05:07

TALKED ABOUT JOURNALISM IN CITIES MOVING FROM YOACRACY,

1:05:19

BUT THIS LANDSCAPE IS AROUND THE WORLD. NOT ONE COUNTRY ESCAPES FROM THE ATTACKS ON PRESS FREEDOM

1:05:25

CURRENTLY. WHETHER IT'S AROUND PHYSICAL ATTACKS, THE USE OF TERRORISM

1:05:32

AND SECURITY LAW, WHETHER IT IS BLUNT FORCE BY PARTIES TO A

1:05:38

CONFLICT, WHETHER IT IS THE ATTACK ON MEDIA WITH FINANCIAL

1:05:45

TARGETING, THE LACK OF ADVERTISING AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT PEOPLE

1:05:54

FIGHT BACK. THE MEDIA FIGHTS BACK. JOURNALISTS FIGHT BACK. THEY ARE THE FORCE TO BE

1:05:59

RECKONED WITH. YOU KNOW, WE ARE RESISTING AND WE ARE ALL GOING ON THE

1:06:04

OFFENSIVE. SO WITHIN THE NEXT MINUTES THAT WE ARE LEFT WITH FOR THIS PANEL,

1:06:10

I'M GOING TO NOW TURN TO EACH ONE OF YOU, DEAR FRIENDS, SO YOU

1:06:16

COULD MAYBE PRESENT TO THE AUDIENCE OF THE SUMMIT THE

1:06:24

ACTIONS, THE INTERVENTION THAT SHOULD BE CARRIED FORWARD. WHAT IS IT THAT WE WANT

1:06:29

LISTENERS, THE AUDIENCE, THE POWERFUL GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS,

1:06:36

WHAT DO WE WANT THEM TO DO? WHAT DO THEY NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE WORLD FRANKLY

1:06:45

FROM THIS AS MARIA ENLIGHTENED US WITH.

1:06:50

MAY I TURN FIRST TO SANA,

1:06:56

PLEASE? >> EXACTLY THE SAME QUESTION, WHAT SHOULD BE DONE. THEY TELL ME THOSE WHO HAVE THE

1:07:02

MEANS AND THE POWER SHOULD DO THE FOLLOWING. ONE, REACH OUT TO THOSE AFGHAN

1:07:08

JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA WORKERS WHO ARE STILL INSIDE THE COUNTRY. THEY'RE HIDING BECAUSE OF THE

1:07:14

TALIBAN TAKEOVER OF THE COUNTRY. AND WHO WISH TO LEAVE

1:07:20

AFGHANISTAN AND SEE HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP THEM, IF YOU CAN. TWO, SUPPORT THOSE JOURNALISTS WHO WISH TO REMAIN IN

1:07:26

AFGHANISTAN THROUGH FUNDING, TRAINING AND OPPORTUNITIES, TO TELL STORIES THEY CARE ABOUT.

1:07:32

THREE, CREATE A HUB FOR ALL AFGHAN JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA

1:07:38

WORKERS WHO WERE EVACUATED SO THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE TO PRODUCE, COLLABORATE AND DO WHAT THEY DO BEST, TELL STORIES.

1:07:43

AND ALSO TO HAVE A HOME SOMEWHERE IN EXILE.

1:07:49

FOURTHLY, THEY WANT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO EXERT PRESSURE AND DEMAND

1:07:55

ACCOUNTABILITY FROM THE TALIBAN GOVERNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN, TO RESPECT FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND TO

1:08:01

PROVIDE A SAFE SPACE SO JOURNALISTS CAN OPERATE AND DO

1:08:07

THEIR JOB. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SANA. SO WE ARE HEARING FROM LOCAL

1:08:15

JOURNALISTS THROUGH YOUR VOICE. SHEILA, MAY I ASK WHAT WOULD BE

1:08:20

YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS MOVING FORWARD? WHAT IS IT THAT YOU ARE CALLING

1:08:25

ON ALL OF THOSE ACTORS TO DO? >> I REALLY WELCOME THE MEDIA

1:08:33

FREEDOM COALITION WHICH SUPPORTS MEDIA FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD BUT IT NEEDS COMMITTED STAFFING

1:08:38

AND FUNDING SO IT CAN DEEPEN ITS WORK IN THE COUNTRIES AND IT'S THE PARTNER PILOT PROGRAM AND

1:08:44

EXPAND EVEN BEYOND THEM. I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH, WE

1:08:51

NEE NEED THE MEDIA TO BE FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT SO THEY CAN DO WORK WITHOUT FEAR OF FAVOR.

1:08:56

MEDIA HAVE BEEN DISTORTED IN SUPPORT OF STATE-OWNED MEDIA.

1:09:01

WE NEED TO GIVE INDEPENDENT NEWS ORGANIZATIONS ACCESS TO GRANTS, LOANS AND EQUITY ON A

1:09:07

CONCESSIONARY BASIS. WE NEED TO SAFEGUARD MEDIA PLURALISM, ESPECIALLY IN

1:09:12

COUNTRIES WHERE THE MEDIA HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY STATE OR

1:09:20

OLIGARCHY INTERESTS. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY SUCH FUNDS SHOULD BE DONE IN A

1:09:26

MULTILATERAL BASIS. SO NO SINGLE GOVERNMENT OR DONOR CAN HAVE CONTROL. THERE ARE ALREADY MODELS FOR

1:09:32

DOING SO, JUST RECENTLY THE MEDIA DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT FUND LAUNCHED A FUND CALLED

1:09:40

PLURALIS WHICH RAISED CAPITAL FROM PRIVATE MEDIA COMPANIES, FOUNDATIONS AND IMPACT

1:09:46

INVESTORS. PLURALIS HAS WATCHED SHARES IN EUROPEAN MEDIA COMPANIES IN

1:09:51

DANGER OF MEDIA CAPTURE. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A SPECIAL PLEA FOR INVESTIGATIVE

1:10:00

JOURNALISTS. THEY'RE NOT ALWAYS FINANCIALLY VIABLE, THEY NEED TO BE SUPPORTED IN OTHER WAYS, THROUGH GRANTS, LEGAL DEFENSE, TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT, TRAINING, ET

1:10:08

CETERA. THERE IS MUCH MORE THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, NOT LEAST GIVING VOICE

1:10:14

AND AGENCY TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE KEY TO THE

1:10:20

DEFENSE OF PRESS FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND WHO ARE DOING EXCELLENT WORK. THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.

1:10:25

THANK YOU, SHE'ILA. I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT REMINDER, INDEED, THAT IN THE

1:10:32

FIGHT FOR MEDIA FREEDOM, MONEY WILL BE ONE OF THE KEY FACTORS.

1:10:39

JENNIFER REMINDED US IN HER PRESENTATION THAT SHE RELIES A

1:10:46

LOT ON FUNDS FROM LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ABROAD TO ALLOW

1:10:51

HER TO MOVE FORWARD WITH INDEPENDENT REPORTING.

1:10:57

SO, JENNIFER, CAN I ASK YOU AS WELL, YOU KNOW, WHAT -- WHAT ARE

1:11:03

YOU RECOMMENDING TO THE SUMMIT? WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE

1:11:10

HAPPENING? >> Translator: I ECHO WHAT SHEILA JUST SAID, BUT I ALSO WANT TO ADD THAT IT IS IMPORTANT

1:11:16

FOR GOVERNMENT IS, AND

1:11:22

RELATIONS, IT IS NECESSARY FOR GOVERNMENTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA TO NURTURE ENERGETICALLY CALL --

1:11:29

MAKE A CALL AGAINST CENSORSHIP AND FOR FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

1:11:36

AND ALSO TO ADDRESS GOVERNMENTS THAT USE PUNISHMENT AGAINST THE MEDIA. THIS IS A CONCERN IN CENTRAL

1:11:42

AMERICA, IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE MENTIONED ABROAD. I ALSO WANTED TO ADD AND

1:11:51

SPECIFICALLY SAY FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISM IN MY COUNTRY, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SOMETIMES IS THE ONLY PARTNER

1:11:57

FOR US TO BE ABLE TO DO OUR JOB IN A PROTECTED WAY, TO BE ABLE

1:12:03

TO RAISE OUR VOICES IN TERMS OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE WORK.

1:12:09

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU, JENNIFER. BAY FANG, CAN I TURN TO YOU NOW

1:12:16

FOR YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS? THANK YOU. >> YES, OF COURSE. IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO GO LAST IN A PANEL FILLED WITH

1:12:22

PEOPLE WITH AMAZING IDEAS. SO, FIRST I WANTED TO SAY, I AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH MY FELLOW PANELISTS, I DID WANT TO

1:12:29

EMPHASIZE SOMETHING THAT DMITRY TOUCHED ON, WHICH IS THE CHALLENGE OF DELIVERING CONTENT INSIDE COUNTRIES.

1:12:35

SOMETHING THAT WE STRUGGLE WITH EVERY DAY. MY RECOMMENDATION IS FOR GOVERNMENTS WHO CARE ABOUT PRESS

1:12:41

FREEDOM TO WORK WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO BETTER FUND THE CREATION OF TOOLS, LIKE THE ONE OUR SISTER ORGANIZATION HELPS TO

1:12:48

DEVELOP. THAT HELPS DELIVER FREE PRESS TO PEOPLE INSIDE CLOSED COUNTRIES

1:12:57

AND PROTECTS SOURCES INSIDE THOSE COUNTRIES FROM GOVERNMENT SURVEILLANCE AND ENABLE JOURNALISM TO TAKE PLACE. IT'S CRUCIAL FOR COUNTRIES TO

1:13:03

GIVE RESOURCES TO GROUPS THAT HELP INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS AND FREELANCERS WHO OFTEN TAKE ON

1:13:09

RISK IN AN EFFORT TO BRING US NEWS FROM CONFLICT ZONES,

1:13:16

ESPECIALLY. WE AT RFA SEEK TO MAKE IT SAFER FOR JOURNALISTS LIKE AUSTIN

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TICE, WHO WAS KIDNAPPED NEARLY TEN YEARS S S AGO WHILE REPORTN

1:13:27

SYRIA. OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU, OUR OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO ARE MISSING OR DETAINED AROUND THE WORLD.

1:13:33

THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BAY FANG, YOU DO REMIND US AS

1:13:39

WELL ABOUT THE TOLL PAID BY JOURNALISTS IN TERMS OF THEIR

1:13:44

PERSONAL FREEDOM BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF THEIR LIVES.

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IF I CAN ADD A FEW MORE RECOMMENDATIONS AS WELL. I THINK TOO MANY JOURNALISTS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING VIOLENCE, WHO

1:13:57

ARE BEING THREATENED AND, INDEED, IN WORST CASE SCENARIOS WHO ARE KILLED N TOO MANY OF

1:14:02

THOSE CASES, THERE IS NO JUSTICE BEING DELIVERED. THE REGIME OF IMPUNITY IS

1:14:09

ESTABLISHED THE WORLD OVER, BUT APPEALS TO GIVING PRESSURE TO POWERFUL ACTORS, THAT THEY CAN

1:14:16

SILENCE WITH IMPUNITY, INCLUDING THROUGH KILLINGS. I THINK AS AN INTERNATIONAL

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COMMUNITY AS NATIONAL ACTORS, FAR MORE MUST BE DONE TO

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EFFECTIVELY AND PROPERLY INVESTIGATE KILLINGS AND VIOLENCE AGAINST JOURNALISTS. MYSELF, WHEN I WAS DOING SO FOR

1:14:36

THE KILLING OF JAMAL KHASHOGGI, IT BECAME VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, IN

1:14:44

SPITE OF OUR LIGHTING THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESS FREEDOM AT ITS FIRST SESSION IN 1946, DOES

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NOT HAVE THE TOOL TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST JOURNALISTS AND KILLINGS.

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DOES NOT EFFECTIVELY PUT EMPHASES ON INVESTIGATIONS. I THINK IT IS INCUMBENT UPON ALL

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OF US AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE U.N. TO ENSURE THAT

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INTERNATIONAL OR AT REGIONAL LEVEL THEY ARE MAKING DECISIONS THAT CAN EITHER SUPPORT NATIONAL ONES OR THAT CAN PROVIDE AN

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ALTERNATIVE TRUTH TELLING TO THE KILLINGS AND THE VIOLENCE THAT IS TAKING PLACE.

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OTHERWISE THE MESSAGE THAT IS BEING SENT IS THAT JOURNALISTS CAN BE KILLED AND NOTHING WILL

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HAPPEN. THERE WILL BE NO TRUTH AND NO JUSTICE BEING DELIVERED.

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I THINK WE HAVE PROVIDED THE

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AUDIENCE OF THE SUMMIT WITH A WIDE RANGE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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FROM -- INCLUDING FROM LOCAL JOURNALISTS, ALL THE WAY TO THE

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ISSUE OF FINANCIAL INTEDINDEPEN. WE'VE HIGHLIGHTED THE ROLE OF

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PRESS FREEDOM IN THE WORLD, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

1:16:04

NOT ONE COUNTRY IS IMMUNE FROM THE GLOBAL TRENDS THAT WE ARE WITNESSING IN TERMS OF ATTACKS

1:16:11

ON PRESS FREEDOM AND THEREFORE ATTACKS ON DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND

1:16:16

HUMAN RIGHTS. AS WE ARE NOW COMING TO THE END

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OF THAT SESSION, WE JUST HAVE THE FINAL CONCLUDING REMARKS

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FROM FOREIGN MINISTER OF CANADA, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL, DEAR

1:16:33

PANELISTS FOR EVERYTHING YOU HAVE SHARED WITH US. I WANT TO THANK THE ORGANIZERS

1:16:39

AND THE CO-HOST FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO START THE

1:16:44

SUMMIT BY INSISTING ON FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, BY INSISTING ON THE PROTECTION OF JOURNALISTS,

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BY INSISTING THAT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ARE KEY TO SUSTAINING PUBLIC INTEGRITY AND

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DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND HUMAN RIGHTS. I'M NOW GIVING THE FLOOR FOR THE

1:17:04

FINAL WORDS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF CANADA, MELANIE

1:17:11

JOLY. I WISH YOU ALL A VERY GOOD DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. INDEED, A VERY GOOD SUMMIT.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU TO THE UNITED STATES FOR ITS LEADERSHIP IN HOLDING NOT JUST THIS IMPORTANT SUMMIT BUT ALSO TODAY'S PANEL ON

1:17:26

MEDIA FREEDOM. MY THANKS ALSO TO SECRETARY

1:17:31

BLINKEN, MINISTER KNAPEN FOR THEIR REMARKS AND DR. CALLAMARD

1:17:37

FOR MODERATING THIS FASCINATING DISCUSSION. TODAY'S SPEAKERS ARE INSPIRING. TWO WINNERS OF THE NOBEL PEACE

1:17:44

PRIZE. THAT THIS YEAR'S HONOR WENT TO TWO JOURNALISTS IS A REMINDER OF MEDIA'S IMPORTANCE.

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AS THE NOBEL COMMITTEE PUT IT, MARIA RESSA AND DMITRY MURATOV

1:18:01

WON THE PRIZE FOR THEIR STANDS ON FREEDOM AND LASTING PIECE. THANK YOU TO ALL THE PANELISTS

1:18:07

FOR SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCES. AS JOURNALISTS, MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETY WHO BRAVELY DEFEND MEDIA

1:18:13

FREEDOM. YOU REMIND US OF OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE JOURNALISTS CAN DO THEIR JOBS

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WITHOUT FEAR OF REPRISAL.

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>> Translator: YOU ARE AN EXAMPLE FOR THE ENTIRE SOCIETY AND TODAY YOUR WORK IS

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ESSENTIAL. YOU ARE PROTECTING DEMOCRACY. >> MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS,

1:18:40

MEDIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY CAN WORK TOGETHER TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS AND SUPPORT INDEPENDENT MEDIA.

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MEDIA FREEDOM IS A CORNERSTONE OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES.

1:18:52

IT'S ESSENTIAL TO HUMAN RIGHTS, AN INDEPENDENT MEDIA IS CRUCIAL TO INFORMING CITIZENS AND TO THE

1:18:58

VITALITY OF DEMOCRACY. AS WE HEARD TODAY, THOSE WHO

1:19:03

SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER ARE UNDER ATTACK. THIS ATTACK IS TAKING VARIOUS

1:19:10

FORMS. RISING PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION AGAINST JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA WORKERS, GROWING

1:19:16

RESTRICTION ON FREE EXPRESSION ONLINE THROUGH GOVERNMENT CENSORSHIP AND CONTROL,

1:19:22

INCREASING FINANCIAL VULNERABILITY OF INDEPENDENT MEDIA DUE TO THE FALLING REVENUES AND LAWS THAT MAKE IT

1:19:28

HARDER FOR DONORS TO SUPPORT THEM. THESE ARE NOT JUST THREATS TO

1:19:33

MEDIA FREEDOM, THEY ARE A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY ITSELF. THEY'RE ALSO THREATS TO HUMAN

1:19:38

LIFE. JUST THINK OF THE MEDIA'S ROLE IN FIGHTING COVID-19. COUNTERING THIS INFORMATION AND

1:19:43

PROMOTING LIFE-SAVING HEALTH MEASURES. LET ME ALSO SAY, CANADA CONDEMNS

1:19:49

THE TARGETING OF WOMEN JOURNALISTS. THEY EXPERIENCE A DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF

1:19:55

ONLINE AND OFFLINE HARASSMENT. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND IT MUST

1:20:02

END. LAST MONTH PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ANNOUNCED CANADA'S 2022 CHAIRSHIP OF THE FREEDOM ONLINE

1:20:09

COALITION A COALITION OF 34 COUNTRIES DEDICATED TO PROTECTING INTERNET FREEDOM.

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CANADA WILL DEVOTE THE YEAR AS CHAIR TO ACHIEVING DIGITAL INCLUSION. WE WILL WORK TO ENSURE ONLINE

1:20:21

SPACES ARE ACCESSIBLE, FREE OF CENSORSHIP AND SAFE FOR ALL

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USERS INCLUDING JOURNALISTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS.

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>> Translator: WE ARE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ONLINE SPACES

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ARE FREE FROM CENSORSHIP AND PROTECTED FOR JOURNALISTS AND

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DEFENDERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. >> CANADA IS PROUD TO SERVE AS CO-CHAIR. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO

1:20:51

CO-CHAIRING WITH THE NETHERLANDS IN 2022. CURRENTLY, 49 STATES ARE PART OF

1:20:56

THE COALITION. IT'S A DIVERSE GROUP WHICH IS KEY, BECAUSE THE IMPORTANCE OF

1:21:02

MEDIA FREEDOM TRANSCENDS BORDERS. WE MUST WORK TOGETHER. TO DATE, THE COALITION HAS

1:21:08

ISSUED 18 STATEMENTS CONDEMNING MEDIA FREEDOM VIOLATIONS WORLDWIDE. AND IN THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE

1:21:14

WORKED WITH OUR EMBASSIES ON THE GROUND TO INTERVENE WHERE MEDIA FREEDOM AND JOURNALISTS ARE

1:21:22

THREATENED. THE COALITION BENEFITS FROM THE WORK OF THE HIGH-LEVEL PANEL OF LEGAL EXPERTS ON MEDIA FREEDOM. THE PANEL PROPOSED SEVERAL

1:21:28

INITIATIVES TO HELP US MEET OUR INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS. A KEY RECOMMENDATION IS TO

1:21:34

PROVIDE SAFE REFUGE TO JOURNALISTS WHO ARE AT RISK AND ARE IN NEED OF RELOCATION.

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TO ADDRESS THIS NEED, CANADA HAS LAUNCHED A NEW REFUGEE STREAM FOR

1:21:48

JOUF JOURNALISTS AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS LAST JULY. THE COALITION IS ENRICHED BY THE

1:21:53

WORK OF THE CONSULTATIVE

1:21:58

ORGANIZATIONS. JUST AS JOURNALISTS RAISED THEIR VOICES IN SPEAKING TRUTH, WE

1:22:04

MUST RAISE OUR VOICES LOUDLY TOGETHER IN THEIR DEFENSE. CANADA IS COMMITTED TO MEDIA FREEDOM. LET'S JOIN FORCES AND DEFEND

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THIS PILLAR OF DEMOCRACY. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH

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YOU. ♪

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>>> GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. AND THANKS TO EACH OF OUR LEADERS FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

1:26:01

TO THOSE JOINING US FROM AROUND THE WORLD, WELCOME. I HOPE TO SPEND AS MUCH OF THIS

1:26:06

TIME IN DISCUSSION WITH YOU, SO LET ME BE BRIEF AT THE START, BUT I WANT TO SAY WHY MEETING

1:26:12

WITH YOUNG LEADERS THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY IS SO IMPORTANT TO US AND TO ME. ONE OF PRESIDENT BIDEN'S TOP

1:26:20

PRIORITIES IS ENSURING THAT THE VOICES OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE HEARD ON THE MAJOR ISSUES AND CHALLENGES BEFORE US AND THAT

1:26:25

THEIR PERSPECTIVES ARE REFLECTED IN OUR POLICIES AND HOW WE ENGAGE WITH THE WORLD.

1:26:31

IN MY OWN TRAVELS AS SECRETARY OF STATE, I HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, AND YOUNG LEADERS ACROSS

1:26:37

THE WORLD AND ONE OF THE COMMON TOPICS THAT THEY'VE RAISED ARE THE CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY THAT

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THEY'RE SEEING IN THEIR OWN LIVES AND THEIR OWN COUNTRIES. I HAVE LISTENED TO THEIR

1:26:49

CONCERNS ABOUT GROWING THREATS TO JOURNALISTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES. I HAVE HEARD THEIR PATIENCE AT

1:26:54

THE CONSISTENT BIAS THAT CORRODES OUR SOCIETY, AND FRUSTRATION AT INSUFFICIENT

1:26:59

ACTION TO ADDRESS THE EXISTENTIAL CLIMATE CRISIS, AND

1:27:04

THEIR IDEAS HOW WE CAN CREATE NEW SPACES FOR YOUNG VOICES AND SO MUCH MORE.

1:27:11

THANKFULLY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE CHANNELLING THEIR IDEAS INTO ACTION AND MAKING THEIR VOICES

1:27:17

HEARD. LAST YEAR TENS OF THOUSANDS OF YOUNG PEOPLE LED MARCHES AGAINST SYSTEMIC RACISM AROUND THE

1:27:24

WORLD. LAST MONTH OVER A HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE TOOK TO THE STREETS OF GLASGOW AND DEMANDED

1:27:30

CLIMATE ACTION. OTHERS ARE LEADING THEIR COMMUNITIES BY WELCOMING REFUGEES, MONITORING ELECTORAL

1:27:37

PROCESSES, SHINING A LIGHT ON CORRUPTION. ALONG THE WAY, AND ACROSS MOVEMENTS, THEY'RE BUILDING SOLIDARITY AND LEARNING LESSONS

1:27:43

FROM EACH OTHER. LESSONS THAT WILL BE CRUCIAL FOR THE WORK AHEAD. THE STRENGTH OF OUR DEMOCRACIES

1:27:50

DEPENDS ON THEIR SUCCESS AND IT DEPENDS ON GETTING MORE YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN THEM. VOTING, RUNNING FOR OFFICE.

1:27:57

GETTING INVOLVED IN CIVIC LIFE. IN MAKING OUR DEMOCRACIES

1:28:02

BETTER. THE UNITED STATES HAS COMMITTED TO A FUTURE WHERE ALL YOUNG PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE AND BE

1:28:07

REPRESENTED IN THEIR COUNTRY'S DECISION MAKING. WE'RE ADVANCING INITIATIVES LIKE

1:28:14

USA I.D.'S GLOBAL INITIATIVES PROJECT, WE CONNECT YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE MENTORSHIP AND SUPPORT THEY NEED TO RUN FOR OFFICE, AND

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WE'RE HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEADERS DEVELOP THE SKILLS AND CONNECTIONS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES THROUGH PROGRAMS LIKE YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS

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INITIATIVE AND THE YOUNG SOUTHEAST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE. SEVERAL PANEL ITSELVES ARE ENG

1:28:36

WITH THESE NETWORKS. EACH EMBODIES THE YOUNG POTENTIAL THAT THE YOUNGER GENERATION HAS.

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AS A GROUP YOU'RE ORGANIZING DEMOCRACY.

1:28:46

YOU'RE LEADING EFFORTS TO SHAPE YOUR COUNTRIES LAWS AND SOCIETIES IN THE DIRECTION OF

1:28:54

GREATER INCLUSIVITY, BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE ISSUES THAT MATTER TO YOU. I WANT TO THANK EACH OF YOU FOR

1:29:01

JOINING THE DISCUSSION TODAY AND MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE WORK YOU'RE DOING EVERY DAY TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING

1:29:06

ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES AS WELL AS YOUR IDEAS ON HOW WE AS DEMOCRACIES CAN BETTER EMPOWER

1:29:12

YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. NOW, I'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS FOR YOU ALL. BUT FIRST, LET ME HAND THE MIC

1:29:19

TO DARIA TO INTRODUCE OUR PANEL. DARIA, OVER TO YOU.

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>> THANK YOU, SECRETARY BLINKEN. I'M TRULY EXCITED TO BE PART OF THIS CONVERSATION WITH YOU TODAY. I AM DARIA ONYSHKO FROM UKRAINE,

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THE PROGRAM OFFICER AT THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES WHERE I COORDINATE EFFORTS OF COD YOUTH

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LEADS, A GROUP OF YOUNG DEMOCRACY ADVOCATES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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I AM A FELLOW AT THE CENTER FOR EUROPEAN POLICY ANALYSIS AT THE

1:29:52

JAMES TRANSATLANTIC PROGRAM. I'M USING THIS OPPORTUNITY RIGHT AWAY IN THE BEGINNING I WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU A FEW MESSAGES

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VOICED AT THE C.O.D. YOUTH ASSEMBLY FOR THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY THAT TOOK PLACE JUST

1:30:04

TWO DAYS AGO. SO THESE ARE THE MESSAGES BY THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACY YOUTH

1:30:10

LEADERS, AND MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY YOUTH NETWORK. THE FIRST IS FOR GUTTING

1:30:16

CORRUPTION, FROM EL SALVADOR. YOUNG PEOPLE CONTINUE TO NAME CORRUPTION AS ONE OF THE BIGGEST

1:30:21

CHALLENGES THEIR COUNTRY FACES. THE CURRENT GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE ARE FINDING CREATIVE WAYS AND COLLECTIVE WAYS TO PUSH BACK

1:30:29

AGAINST THE DAMAGES GIVEN BY CORRUPTION AND THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY. THE SECOND ONE IS

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AUTHORITARIANISM FROM BELARUS. HISTORICALLY UTILITY HAVE BEEN THE MOST ACTIVE IN RESISTANCE TO

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AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES, STANDING UP FOR FREEDOM, OPINION OF EXPRESSION, HUMAN RIGHTS AND

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ALSO JUSTICE. SIMILARLY, BELARUS YOUTH AND STUDENTS ARE NOT AFRAID TO FIGHT

1:30:56

FOR THEIR RIGHTS DESPITE THE REPRESSION FROM THEIR REGIME. THERE ARE NO MASK PROTESTS BUT

1:31:04

IT DOES NOT MEAN THE PEOPLE HAVE SURRENDER, AND FROM SERBIA, IN THE PAST TEN YEARS, YOUNG PEOPLE

1:31:11

HAVE BEEN PART OF THE CRUCIAL CHANGES FOR THE LGBT PLUS MOVEMENT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS,

1:31:20

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THEY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. THESE MESSAGES COME TO ONE, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MAKING A

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DIFFERENCE IN THE THREE MAIN AREAS OF THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY AND BEYOND. AND GOVERNMENTS NEED TO RECOGNIZE IT AND ALSO INCLUDE

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YOUTH BETTER IN DECISION MAKING AND DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES.

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SO ONGO THIS NOTE I'M DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE MY FELLOW PANEL

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ITSELVES. LYNROSE JANET GENON FROM THE PHILIPPINES, A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE LEADER A NETWORK OF

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YOUNG WOMEN, AND YOUNG LGBT LEADERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES WHO ARE AGENTS OF PEACE AND ADVOCATE FOR GREATER HUMAN RIGHTS,

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WOMEN'S RIGHTS, GENDER EQUALITY, PEACE AND SECURITY. SHE'S ALSO A PARTICIPANT OF 16

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FOR 16 INITIATIVE THAT SUPPORTS ACTIVISTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD IN ADVANCING SG 16.

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L LYNROSE OF THE PHILIPPINE YOUTH PROGRAM, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL

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AFFAIRS. SHE'S ALSO CURRENTLY A FACULTY MEMBER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH OF STATE UNIVERSITY,

1:32:29

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY. THE SECOND ONE IS MWILA CHRISEDY BWANGA FROM ZAMBIA.

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S FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AN AFRICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE, A DELEGATE AT THE

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COMMONWEALTH YOUTH COUNSEL AND USAD YOUTH LED. SHE RAN AS AN INDEPENDENT

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CANDIDATE IN ZAMBIA'S HISTORIC 2021 GENERAL ELECTIONS AND HAS

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BEEN LISTED AS ONE OF ZAMBIA'S BEST GOVERNMENT MINDS BELOW THE AGE OF 35, AND THE 2020 NATIONAL

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YOUTH AWARDS BY THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH, SPORT, AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND THE NATIONAL YOUTH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, AND

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FINALLY, MARGARITA MAIRA FROM CHILE, MARGARITA IS CURRENTLY

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COORDINATOR AT IT'S OUR TURN TO PARTICIPATE, A PLATFORM THAT PROMOTES PARTICIPATION IN THE

1:33:23

REWRITING OF THE CONSTITUTION OF CHILE. SHE HAS LED CAMPAIGNS TO ENGAGE YOUTH AND VULNERABLE GROUPS IN

1:33:29

DECISION MAKING PROCESSES AND HAS TRAINED EMERGING LEADERS IN SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN

1:33:36

COUNTRIES. SHE IS A FORMER HARVARD YOUTH PLE FELLOW AND FORMER PROJECT

1:33:46

COORDINATOR, A CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION THAT SEEKS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY IN LATIN

1:33:52

AMERICA, AND A COORDINATOR FOR THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT

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SECRETARIAT. SECRETARY BLINKEN BACK TO YOU. >> THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT INTRODUCTIONS. IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE WITH ALL

1:34:04

FOUR OF YOU, AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS JUST ASK A FEW SORT OF BROAD QUESTIONS, AND

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TURN TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTS AND RESPONSES, LET ME SAY, THOUGH, AT THE OUTSET, DARIA, I THOUGHT THE THREE

1:34:16

POINTS YOU MADE WERE VERY IMPORTANT AND REALLY DO GET TO THE HEART OF SOME OF THE

1:34:21

CHALLENGES WE FACE. THE CORRUPTION PIECE IS VERY POWERFUL. ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST TEN OR

1:34:28

FIFTEEN YEARS WHEN WE HAVE SEEN POPULAR MOVEMENTS AROUND THE WORLD IN DIFFERENT PLACES, EVERYWHERE IN TUNISIA TO EGYPT

1:34:34

TO UKRAINE, ET CETERA, WE HAVE SEEN ONE OF THE BIG

1:34:40

DRIVERS, SOMETIMES THE MAIN DRIVER HAS BEEN A REVULSION IN CORRUPTION, AND I THINK PEOPLE ACROSS THE BOARD AND ESPECIALLY

1:34:48

YOUNG PEOPLE KNOWS IT UNDERMINES RESPECT FROM GOVERNMENT THAT COULD BE USED FOR BETTER THINGS, AND FEEDS CYNICISM AND MISTRUST

1:34:54

IN INSTITUTIONS AND IT HAS AN VERY INCREDIBLY CORROSIVE EFFECT AND I COULD GO DOWN THE LIST BUT I

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THINK YOU MAKE SOME VERY IMPORTANT POINTS IN DRAWING OUT WHAT PEOPLE ARE PARTICULARLY

1:35:05

PREOCCUPIED WITH. BUT LET ME ASK THIS FOR A START.

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AS REPRESENTATIVES OF A YOUNGER GENERATION, HOW DO OTHER MEMBERS

1:35:17

OF YOUR COHORT, OF YOUR GENERATION, HOW DO THEY SEE

1:35:23

DEMOCRACY? WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO THEM AND TO YOU? WE HEAR THAT PEOPLE ARE MORE

1:35:31

CYNICAL ABOUT DEMOCRACY, THEY DON'T SEE IT NECESSARILY DELIVERING ON THEIR NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS. HOW DO YOU SEE IT?

1:35:37

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU, AND HOW DO YOU SEE YOUNG PEOPLE ACTUALLY ENGAGING IN THE

1:35:43

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WHICH IS NECESSARY IF DEMOCRACY IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND GROW.

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LYNROSE, WHY DON'T WE START WITH YOU. >> TO START, YOU KNOW, FOR ME,

1:35:57

DEMOCRACY IS THE BEDROCK OF A JUST, PEACEFUL AND SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY. STABILITY, SECURITY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE CONDITIONS FOR GROWTH

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AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY. AND STRONG DEMOCRACY PROVIDES THEM. COMING FROM A COUNTRY WHERE

1:36:09

THOSE SEEKING A STRONG MAN, AND THOSE FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRACY ARE

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STILL AT ODDS. THIS CONVERSATION IS CONFRONTING THE ISSUE OF HOW OUR OUR DEMOCRACY IS TO BLACK SLIDING,

1:36:23

AND CONTINUED ADAPTATIONS IN THE FACE OFF, WORKING WITH YOUNG

1:36:34

WOMEN IN TRANSITORY SITES HAS TAUGHT ME DEMOCRACY IS ABOUT AGENCY AND VOICE. GIVING EVERYONE A SAY IN

1:36:39

DECISION MAKING AS WELL AS MEANINGFUL AND NOT TOKENISTIC OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A DIRECT AND

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PRACTICAL SAY IN ISSUES AFFECTING THEIR LIVES. IN THE PHILIPPINES WE HAVE

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CURRENTLY 52% REGISTERED VOTERS UNDER THE AGE OF 30 INDICATING THAT THE COUNTRY HAS A STRONG

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YOUTH VOTE. WITHIN THE AGES OF 18 AND 40,

1:37:03

31.4 MILLION VOTES MAKE UP THE YOUTH VOTE. BY 2022 IN THE NATIONAL LOCAL

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ELECTIONS, 41 MILLION YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HAVE A DIRECT VOICE IN WHO LEADS OUR COUNTRY, AND

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THAT IS A DEMOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE, AND ON THE QUESTION AND HOW YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ALREADY ENGAGED

1:37:19

IN CHAMPIONING DEMOCRACY IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH OUR NETWORK, OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE

1:37:25

ALREADY ENGAGED IN DIFFERENT CAPACITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, IN 2018, DURING THE

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MIDTERM ELECTIONS, WE IMPLEMENTED A NONPARTISAN VOTERS EDUCATION PROGRAM ENTITLED YOUTH

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SAY YES WITH SUPPORT FROM THE GLOBAL NETWORK OF WOMEN PEACE VOTERS.

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A LOW TURNOUT OF YOUNG VOTERS, THE PROGRAM ENCOURAGES PEOPLE TO CAST THEIR VOTES AND BE CRITICAL

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OF THE CANDIDATES THEY ARE VOTING FOR. WE HELP RAISE AWARENESS THROUGH

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OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN. WE ALSO HOLD COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ON

1:38:02

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CRUCIAL ROLE IT PLAYS IN THE PEACE PROCESS.

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THIS INITIATIVE WAS RECOGNIZED AND HIGHLIGHTED AT THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL REPORT

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THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS MADE AND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF U.S. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2250.

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AT PRESENT, OUR NETWORK IS ALSO IMPLEMENTING A SERIES OF ONLINE AND OFFLINE NONPARTISAN ISSUE

1:38:27

CENTERED AND OUTCOMES PERSPECTIVES IN VOTING IN PREPARATION FOR THE 2022

1:38:33

ELECTIONS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE MY PIECE OF VOTE PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUTH LED PROGRAM OF THE ASIA FOUNDATION,

1:38:39

AND USAID SINCE TWO OF OUR NETWORK MEMBERS ARE PART OF THE COHORT. SO THE LEADERSHIP OF YOUNG

1:38:44

PEOPLE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PHILIPPINES AS EXHIBITED IN YOUTH-LED INITIATIVES THAT I

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MENTIONED NEEDS TO BE RECOGNIZED, INVESTED IN AND AMPLIFIED.

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THANK YOU. >> THANKS. THAT'S TERRIFIC TO HEAR AND VERR IMESSIVE ACROSS THE MWILA, HOW ABOUTYOU, WHAT'S

1:39:03

YOUR TAKE ON THIS? Y >> THANKOU SO MUCH, BLINKEN, FORY. THIS OPPORTUNIT HOW DO I DEFINE DEMOCRACY, AND

1:39:09

HOW DO YOUNG PEOPLE WITH REGARD DEMOCRACY AS WELL. FIRST AND FOREMOST, ALLOW ME TO

1:39:14

STATE THAT NATIONS IN THEMSELVES CONCEPTUALIZE DEMOCRACY AS THEY SEE FIT.

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ONE OF THE THINGS WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION IS IN OUR CONCEPT WISE OF DEMOCRACY,

1:39:27

WE SHOULD NEVER DO AWAY WITH THE FOUNDATION DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN BUILT, RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS, THE

1:39:33

ROLE OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS STRONG INSTITUTIONS.

1:39:38

WITH THAT FUNDAMENTAL BACKGROUND TO PROVIDE. FROM MY OWN POINT OF VIEW, I REGARD DEMOCRACY AS A POLITICAL

1:39:46

EMBODIMENT OF SERVICE TO THE NATION WITH HUMANITY AS ITS

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FOUNDATION. I SAY HUMANITY AS THE FOUNDATION BECAUSE I BELIEVE WE CANNOT

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CONCEPTUALIZE DEMOCRACY WHEN WE REMOVE HUMANITY. WITH THAT SAID, ALLOW ME TO

1:40:06

STATE IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE FABRIC OF OUR NATION'S DEMOCRACY, THE EXTENT TO WHICH

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WE INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE, YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEMSELVES ARE NOT FEELING AS PARTNERS WHEN IT

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COMES TO REGARDING THE DEMOCRATIC FRIEND IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES, EVEN IN MY OWN

1:40:23

COUNTRY, ZAMBIA RIGHT NOW. WE SEE YOUNG PEOPLE FOR WHAT THEY CAN BE AND NOT FOR WHAT

1:40:29

THEY COULD BE. HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE HISTORIC ELECTION WE RECENTLY HAD, I RAN FOR OFFICE AS A

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AS AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT. I ENVISION TO BECOME PRESIDENT FOR MY COUNTRY ONE DAY, SO I

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KNOW THERE HAS TO BE A PLACE TO START. AS I RAN FOR OFFICE, I CAME OUT

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THIRD. IN THAT PARTICULAR PROCESS I CAME FACE TO FACE AS REGARD TO HOW THE POLITICAL SYSTEM HAS

1:40:53

CREATED THE ENVIRONMENT THAT IS NOT IN A CONDUCIVE FOR YOUNG

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PEOPLE TO BE REGARDED AS PARTNERS IN CHAMPIONING THE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA. WHEN I RAN FOR OFFICE ONE OF THE

1:41:04

THINGS I CAME TO UNDERSTAND IS THERE'S A LOT THAT HAS TO BE DONE IF WE HAVE TO CREATE A

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GENERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUTH TO BE REGARDED AS KEY

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PARTNERS IN CHAMPIONING THE DEMOCRATIC RIGHT. THE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE A

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SERIOUS ROLE TO PLAY WHEN IT COMES TO INCULCATING A DEMOCRATIC CULTURE IN THEIR

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YOUNG PEOPLE AND VARIOUS POLITICAL PARTNERS. POLITICAL PARTNERS IN AFRICA AND ACROSS THE REGION, AND ACROSS

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THE GLOBE SHOULD NOT ONLY SEE YOUNG PEOPLE AS -- WHOSE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE IS TO

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SOUND THE TRUMPET OF THE POLITICAL ELITE BUT POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD SEE YOUNG PEOPLE AS THE INSTRUMENT AND VALUABLE

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TOOL THAT THEY HAVE. AND THAT IS WHY DAY BY DAY UNDER MY ORGANIZATION BE RELEVANT, WE'RE CONSISTENTLY ADVOCATING

1:41:55

THAT POLITICAL PARTIES BEGIN TO ESTABLISH WHAT WE LOVE TO CALL POLITICAL PARTY LEADERSHIP

1:42:03

ACADEMIES. ACADEMIES THAT SEEK TO SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE WHEN IT COMES TO MATTERS OF LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC

1:42:09

ENGAGEMENT, AND POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AS IT WERE. THE OTHER THING I WOULD LIKE TO STATE IS HEADS OF STATE IN MY

1:42:15

COUNTRY AND ACROSS THE REGION. I WOULD ADVISE THAT HEADS OF

1:42:22

STATE, YOUTH ADVISERS WHOSE FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE IS TO REPRESENTATIVE YOUTH VOICES AND

1:42:28

ACTION AT CABINET LEVEL BECAUSE THE VERY MOMENT WE BRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO THE TABLE OF DECISION MAKING, WE ARE ALSO

1:42:35

SELF-GUARDING OURSELVES FOR THE FUTURE, A NATION THAT PREPARES

1:42:40

THE YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE IS A NATION PREPARING TO FAIL. AND LASTLY, GOVERNMENTS IN THEMSELVES HAVE TO SEE HOW THEY

1:42:46

CAN BEGIN TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCILS, THE MOMENT WE DO THIS, WE CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT

1:42:52

WHERE WE HAVE INITIATIVES THAT SEEK TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY.

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THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> WHILE YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE, WERE THERE PARTICULAR BARRIERS YOU FACED IN

1:43:06

RUNNING FOR OFFICE AS A YOUNGER GENERATION PERSON THAT YOU WOULD POINT TO? T >> IYES, FACED QUITE A NUMBER

1:43:11

OF BARRIERS, AND BARRIER NUMBER ONE IS THE NARRATIVE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE DON'T HAVE THE CAPACITY TO LEAD, AND THE WAY IN WHICH I

1:43:17

WAS ABLE TO, YOU KNOW, FACE THAT BARRIER HEAD ON WAS HOW I WAS ABLE TO REPRESENT MYSELF TO THE

1:43:25

COMMUNITY AND HOW I WAS ABLE TO BRAND MY MESSAGE. THE PROBLEM WE HAVE AS YOUNG PEOPLE IS WE THINK PEOPLE SHOULD

1:43:33

VOTE FOR US BASICALLY BECAUSE WE ARE YOUTH. WE SHOULD CHAMPION RUNNING FOR

1:43:38

OFFICE BECAUSE WE HAVE WHAT IT TAKES AS YOUNG LEADERS TO CHALLENGE THE REALITIES THAT OUR

1:43:44

COMMUNITIES ARE FACING. NUMBER ONE WAS THE NARRATIVE OF YOUNG PEOPLE CAN'T LEAD.

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NUMBER TWO, WAS RESOURCE MOBILIZATION, BUT ABOVE AND BEYOND, BECAUSE OF HOW I WAS ABLE TO RUN MYSELF AND PACKAGE

1:43:57

MY MESSAGE, I BELIEVE THAT'S WHY I WAS ABLE TO PULL THE NUMBER OF VOTES I PULLED, AND COME OUT

1:44:03

THIRD, BEATING TWO BIG POLITICAL PARTIES. I FEEL THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. >> I HOPE YOU KEEP AT IT.

1:44:10

DARIA, WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS? >> THANK YOU, SO FOR ME AS A

1:44:15

YOUNG PERSON COMING FROM EUROPE AND SPECIFICALLY UKRAINE, A COUNTRY THAT IN ITS RECENT HISTORY EXPERIENCED A

1:44:23

TOTALITARIANISM, DEMOCRACY PROVIDES A BREATH OF FRESH AIR OF FREEDOM. FREEDOM OF OPINION AND

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EXPRESSION, PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY, FREEDOM EVEN TO HAVE A DREAM AND THE POSSIBILITY TO CREATE AND

1:44:35

SHAPE OUR OWN COUNTRY'S FUTURE. AND IN UKRAINE AFTER THE FALL OF THE SOVIET UNION, WE EVEN

1:44:41

CREATED SOME FUNNY PROVERBS AS FOR EXAMPLE, THAT EVERY BIRD CAN

1:44:46

SING ANY SONG IT WANTS THESE DAYS, BUT WHILE THE SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IS REALLY HIGH AMONG

1:44:53

YOUNG PEOPLE IN EASTERN EUROPE, WE SHOULD NOT TAKE DEMOCRACY FOR GRANTED. A FACTION WITH DEMOCRACY AND

1:44:59

INSTITUTIONS IS GROWING AMONG YOUTH AND STUDENTS IN DEVELOPED DEMOCRACIES IN EUROPE, AND SOME

1:45:04

ARE LOOKING AT AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES WITH CURIOSITY.

1:45:09

YOUNG PEOPLE LOSE AN INTEREST IN INSTITUTIONAL POLITICS AS THEY FACE UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC

1:45:15

INEQUALITY AND WITNESS POLICY STAGNATION ON CRITICAL AND LONG-TERM ISSUES LIKE CLIMATE

1:45:21

CHANGE. GOVERNMENTS AND LEADERS IN EUROPE AND ALSO BEYOND CANNOT LOOK AWAY AND IGNORE THIS

1:45:27

CONCERNING SITUATION, AND THEY NEED TO CONTINUE MAKING THE CASE THAT DEMOCRACY DELIVERS A BRIGHT

1:45:32

FUTURE FOR YOUTH THAT INCLUDES OPPORTUNITIES, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, INCLUSION IN

1:45:38

DECISION MAKING. SO THIS LACK OF TRUST IN

1:45:44

INSTITUTIONAL POLITICS SHOULD NOT BE MISTAKEN FOR APATHY OR LACK OF POLITICAL INTEREST ALL TOGETHER, AS YOU MENTIONED IN

1:45:49

THE BEGINNING, THE CLIMATE CHANGE MOVEMENT THAT BEGAN IN EUROPE IN 2018 SPILLED OVER ALL

1:45:55

CONTINENTS AND CURRENTLY COUNTS MORE THAN 14 MILLION, MOSTLY YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATING.

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SO YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW, BUT OF TODAY, AND IN UKRAINE, YOUTH

1:46:05

HAVE SHOWN ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR FUTURE

1:46:11

AS DURING THE 2004 AND 2014 PRO-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENTS AND THEY

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REALLY CONTINUE TO DO SO TODAY. THEY TAKE URGENT AND REAL ACTIONS BY OPPOSING CORRUPT

1:46:23

PRACTICES, CHALLENGING THE INFLUENCE OF OLIGARCHS, ALSO ON

1:46:28

SOCIAL MEDIA. YOUTH ORGANIZES ITSELF TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNTRIES KEY ADVANCE AND GATHERINGS, A

1:46:35

PLATFORM OF COOPERATION BETWEEN LITHUANIA, POLAND AND UKRAINE THAT HELPS UKRAINE WITH

1:46:42

INTEGRATION TO THE EU. BUT I WANT TO UNDERLINE THAT THE STRENGTH OF DEMOCRACY, YOUTH SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS EQUAL

1:46:48

PARTNERS IN SOCIETY, AND THEY ARE KNOWLEDGE HOLDERS AND IN INNOVATORS, POLITICS, TECHNOLOGY, AND HEALTH, AND THEY

1:46:54

SHOULD NOT BE SEEN ONLY AS BENEFICIARIES, BUT ACTORS AND PARTNERS. AND HOW WE CAN HELP STRENGTHEN

1:47:01

DEMOCRACY AND ENGAGE YOUNG PEOPLE BETTER IS THAT I HAVE ONE

1:47:06

RECOMMENDATION THAT GOVERNMENTS NEED TO EXPLORE AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDER ENGAGEMENT YOUTH PEOPLE

1:47:12

THROUGH INFORMAL CHANNELS WHERE THEY PARTICIPATE THE MOST. DIGITAL SPACES, AS CURRENTLY

1:47:18

YOUNG PEOPLE USE THE SPACES TO DEVELOP THEIR CIVIC IDENTITIES, AND ALSO EXPRESS POLITICAL

1:47:24

STANCES IN CREATIVE WAYS. CLAIMING THE AGENCY THAT MAY NOT BE AFFORDED TO THEM IN

1:47:31

TRADITIONAL CIVIC SPACES. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND, YOU KNOW, A NUMBERAN OF

1:47:38

IMPORTT THINGS THAT YOU ISAID, POINT TO AN T TO UNDERSCORE BEFORE MARGARITA, WHICH IS THAT, WE DO

1:47:46

SEE IN THIS CONTEST BETWEEN AUTOCRACIES AND DEMOCRACIES, THE ARGUMENT BEING MADE BY

1:47:52

AUTOCRATIC LEADERS THAT THEIR SYSTEMS DELIVER MORE EFFECTIVELY

1:47:58

FOR PEOPLE, AS YOU SAID, POLICY PARALYSIS, THE POLARIZATION, AND POLITICAL DIVIDES IN OUR COUNTRIES, SOMETIMES THE

1:48:04

SLOWNESS TO ACT OF DEMOCRACIES MEANS THAT THEY ARE LESS ADEPT AT DEALING WITH THE PROBLEMS

1:48:10

THAT PEOPLE FACE TODAY THAN AN AUTOCRACY. I THINK THAT'S EXACTLY THE

1:48:15

OPPOSITE OF THE TRUTH, BUT IT DOES SUGGEST TO ALL OF US THAT WE HAVE A PROFOUND STAKE IN DEMONSTRATING THAT DEMOCRACIES

1:48:22

CAN ACTUALLY DELIVER CONCRETE RESULTS FOR PEOPLE IN REALTIME, WHETHER IT'S FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OR

1:48:27

ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER, AND MAKING THE MACHINERY WORK IS

1:48:34

MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER. I'M GLAD YOU MENTIONED THAT, HIGHLIGHTED THAT. MARGARITA, TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS

1:48:40

ON THIS. >> YES, THANK YOU. SO DEMOCRACY IS A SYSTEM WHERE WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY IN

1:48:46

DEFENDING IT, AND MAKING IT COME TO LIFE. WITHOUT EACH ONE OF US, THERE IS NO REAL DEMOCRACY.

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THAT IS WHY I DEDICATE MY TIME TO ADVOCATE FOR PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION IN PARTICIPATING

1:49:00

IN CHILE. THE RICHNESS OF DEMOCRACY IS WE ARE ALL WORTH THE SAME, EVEN IF

1:49:06

SOMETIMES THIS IS NOT SO EASY IN ACTUAL REALITY BUT WE CAN'T LOWER THE STANDARD, WE NEED TO KEEP FIGHTING FOR OUR POLITICAL

1:49:13

SYSTEMS TO HEAR ALL VOICES, AND THAT IS SOMETHING THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN CHILE HAVE FULLY

1:49:19

UNDERSTOOD. WE HAVE YOUNGER GENERATIONS TO THANK FOR THIS NEW CONSTITUTION WE ARE DRAFTING IN CHILE.

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FIRST, THEY WERE THE SPARK THAT LIT THE FLAME FOR 2019 SOCIAL

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REVOLT, WHICH BECAME A NATIONWIDE UPRISING WHICH RESULTED IN A CONSTITUTIONAL

1:49:36

PROCESS. SECONDARY STUDENTS JUMPED TURNSTILES, IT WAS PROTEST IN THE NAME OF THEIR PARENTS AND

1:49:42

GRANDPARENTS WHO COULD NOT AFFORD ANYMORE EXPENSES. AS YOU PROBABLY KNOW, CHILE IS A COUNTRY WHERE WEALTH IS UNEVENLY

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DISTRIBUTED. ONLY 1% OF MY COUNTRY'S POPULATION EARNS ABOUT 1/3 OF

1:49:54

THE NATION'S WEALTH. WE ARE THE MOST UNEQUAL COUNTRY IN THE OECD.

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COSTS OF LIVING INCREASE CONSTANTLY, BUT WAGES DON'T, AND

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THAT WAS @STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK. STUDENTS ROSE THEIR VOICES WHEN

1:50:10

ADULTS DIDN'T DO IT. THEY DIDN'T TO IT FOR PERSONAL GAIN BUT IN THE NAME OF OTHER

1:50:16

AFFECTED GROUPS. YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KEY. A YEAR LATER IN OCTOBER 2020, WHERE WE VOTED IF YOU WANTED A

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NEW CONSTITUTION, VOTERS BETWEEN 18 AND 29 WERE THE GROUP THAT MOST GREW IN VOTER TURN OUT WITH

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A 56% INCREASE. IT WAS HISTORICAL, AND THE APPROVAL GOING FORWARD WAS WON WITH A LANDSLIDE 78% VICTORY.

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THEY ARE VERY MUCH AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WILL BE MOST AFFECTED BY THE

1:50:45

CHANGES IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION. YOUTH HAS MADE THEIR WAY THROUGH WITHOUT ANY HELP HERE IN CHILE.

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CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS LIKE MINE ENCOURAGED THEM TO CONTINUE DOWN THIS PATH SO THEY REMAIN

1:50:57

PROTAGONISTS IN THIS HISTORICAL MOMENT, AND WE COULD ACHIEVE SO MUCH MORE IF THIS WERE A

1:51:05

GOVERNMENT DRIVEN EFFORT. FORTUNATELY THEY ARE OPENING SPACES FOR CHILDREN AND

1:51:11

TEENAGERS TO HAVE A SAY IN HOW WE WANT SOCIETY TO BE. THAT GIVE ME HOPES. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AGAIN,

1:51:17

THAT'S ALSO AN ENCOURAGING AND INSPIRING STORY TO HEAR.

1:51:23

LET ME ASK THIS, AND WE HAVE HEARD A LITTLE BIT FROM MWILA AS

1:51:29

BARRIERS HE FACED AS CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE BUT TALK TO US ABOUT AS MORE PEOPLE ARE ENGAGING IN

1:51:35

ACTIVISM, WHAT ARE ACTUALLY THE BARRIERS TO DOING THAT MORE BROADLY AS WELL AS THE

1:51:42

OPPORTUNITIES, AND IN PARTICULAR, AS YOU'REIN THINKG ABOUT IT, HOW DO YOU SEE MORE

1:51:47

BROADLY THEAN BARRIERS DPO OPRTUNITIES FORFO ADVANCING, R STRENGTHENING, FOR
DEEPENINGAC

1:51:53

DEMOCRIES, AND MARGARITA, WHY DON'T WE START BACK WITH YOU

1:51:58

SINCE YOU HAVE THE MICROPHONE. >> OUR ADULT CENTRIC WORLD VIEW IS PUTTING UP BARRIERS
FOR YOUNG

1:52:04

PEOPLE WHO WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN PUBLIC LIFE. IT'S COMMON FOR CONSTITUTIONS TO

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PUT THEM IN A DIFFERENT CATEGORY, LESS IMPORTANT, LESS INFLUENTIAL WITH LESS RIGHTS

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SOMETIMES. THERE ARE MANY WHO THINK BEFORE 18, PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE ACTIVE IN POLITICS IN
PUBLIC LIFE, THAT

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YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULDN'T HAVE A MIND OF THEIR OWN. WE NEED TO TAKE MEASURES NOW TO
CREATE AWARENESS IN THE PEOPLE

1:52:28

OF CHILE, AND PROBABLY IN ALL OF YOUR COUNTRIES HERE IN THE PANEL OF THE IMPORTANCE OF
YOUNGER GENERATIONS, OF THEIR WORTH.

1:52:34

BECAUSE OF MY WORK PROMOTING PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS, I HAVE HAD
THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH

1:52:40

YOUNG PEOPLE, TEENAGERS SPECIFICALLY. IT'S IMPRESSIVE TO HEAR THEM SPEAK OF ALL THAT IS
HAPPENING.

1:52:46

THEY HAVE A CLARITY I WISH I HAD HAD IN HIGH SCHOOL OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, OF THIS ADULT CENTRIC CULTURE WHERE THEY DON'T

1:52:54

GET ENOUGH SPACE, THE CONTRIBUTION THEY COULD MAKE WITH YOUNGER, FRESHER IDEAS, OUR CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTION

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PARTICIPATION FEATURED THESE TEENAGERS ASKING ADULTS TO GO AND VOTE BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T OLD ENOUGH TO DO IT.

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IT WAS THEIR IDEA BECAUSE THEY WERE DYING TO PARTICIPATE. YOUNG PEOPLE ARE IN THEMSELVES AN OPPORTUNITY. IF WE ONLY GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO

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SPEAK, TO CARRY OUT THE IDEAS THEY WILL SHINE WITHOUT ANYONE'S

1:53:19

HELP. IN CHILE, THEY HAVE PROVEN TO US ALL THAT THEY CAN ACHIEVE

1:53:24

CHANGE. AFTER 2019, MANY PEOPLE CHANGED THE WAY THEY SAW YOUNGER GENERATIONS. IT BECAME CLEAR, THEY ARE

1:53:30

CAPABLE, POWERFUL, TIRELESS, MATURE, INTELLIGENT AND GENEROUS. WE OWE THEM SO MUCH THAT THE

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CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION HAS PROPOSED TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE THAT WILL RATIFY THE NEW

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CONSTITUTION NEXT YEAR BECAUSE THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THIS CONSTITUTION BELONGS TO YOUNGER

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GENERATIONS TOO, NOT ONLY ADULTS THAT ARE OLD ENOUGH TO VOTE. >> YOU KNOW, THERE ARE STUDIES THAT HAVE SHOWN AS A GENERAL

1:53:55

RULE, EACH GENERATION TENDS TO BE MORE TALENTED, MORE FULL OF

1:54:02

IDEAS AND KNOWLEDGE THAN THE PREVIOUS ONES. THAT THERE ACTUALLY IS AN

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ACCUMULATION OVER TIME FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION OF SKILLS, OF KNOWLEDGE, OF IDEAS,

1:54:12

AND SO I THINK YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT TO SAY THAT THAT HAS TO -- WE HAVE TO FIND WAYS TO INCLUDE

1:54:19

THAT MORE EFFECTIVELY. WE'RE PENALIZING OURSELVES AND OUR SOCIETIES IF WE'RE NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF NOT JUST

1:54:25

THAT ENERGY BUT ACTUALLY THE IDEAS AND THE WAYS OF LOOKING AT THE WORLD AS YOU SAY, CAN BE

1:54:31

FRESH AND NEW, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE OF US WHO ARE A LITTLE BIT OLDER AND GET SET IN OUR WAYS, EVEN IF YOU TRY TO KEEP A

1:54:37

VERY OPEN MIND. IT'S HARD TO DO THAT AND IT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO

1:54:44

CONSTANTLY BE CHALLENGED, TO CONSTANTLY BE EXPOSED TO NEW IDEAS, TO NEW WAYS OF LOOKING AT

1:54:50

THINGS, AND PART OF THAT REALLY IS GENERATION, SO I'M GLAD YOU UNDERScoreD THAT.

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MWILA, BACK TO YOU, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT THIS? >> YOU KNOW, TO GIVE ME VIEW ON

1:55:02

THIS, SECRETARY BLINKEN, FIRST, I SEE A LACK OF TOLERANCE, YOU KNOW, FROM OUR NATIONAL LEADERS WHEN IT COMES TO YOUTH ACTIVISM,

1:55:11

AND TOLERANCE IS AN IMPORTANT EMBODIMENT OF GOOD GOVERNORS THEMSELVES. WE CANNOT VIEW A GENERATION OF

1:55:16

YOUNG LEADERS, READY TO TAKE ON THE WORLD AND GUARD THE

1:55:23

DEMOCRACY, IF WE LIMIT THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEY CAN EXPRESS THEMSELVES. IT STANDS AS A BIG BARRIER WHEN

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IT COMES TO ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY. AS YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE OTHER

1:55:34

HAND, YOU KNOW, WE ARE IN MOST CASES, WE CAN QUICKLY BLAME THE SYSTEM, BUT WE NEVER TAKE TIME

1:55:42

TO HAVE SOME INTROSPECTION WITH REGARDS TO WHAT IS IT WE'RE DOING WRONG WITH REGARDS TO

1:55:47

YOUNG PEOPLE. W WE SHOULD NOT REACH A POINT WE

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BECOME ADD VOCATES, WE CANNOT CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF ACTIVISM IF WE DO NOT HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE

1:56:01

TO IT. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO ORGANIZE, TO COORDINATE AND TO HAVE DECISIVE SOLUTIONS, THE

1:56:07

CHALLENGE WE OBSERVE IN OUR SOCIETY. ONE OF THE THINGS I SAY

1:56:12

CONSISTENTLY IS THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD ARE INEVITABLE, BUT WE AS A PEOPLE, WE HAVE TO BE THE

1:56:17

INEVITABLE SOLUTION TO ALL OF

1:56:22

THOSE INEVITABLE PROBLEMS. WHEN WE WITNESS DEMOCRACY IS

1:56:29

UNDER THREAT, HOW WE CAN FIGHT ANY KIND OF AUTHORITARIAN SYSTEM THAT WISHES TO EXPAND ITSELF

1:56:36

THAT PARTICULAR AGENDA. IN THE 2021 ELECTION, ZAMBIA

1:56:41

WERE TO LEAD ACROSS THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, YOUNG PEOPLE CAN ORGANIZE AND DEFEND THEIR VOTE

1:56:46

AND THE DEMOCRACIES THAT THEY SO DESIRE. AS YOUNG PEOPLE, WHEN WE WAIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENTS TO BE

1:56:54

CONDUCIVE OR FOREVER BE WITH THEM. IF NELSON MANDELA WAITED FOR THE

1:57:01

ENVIRONMENT, STILL HAVE APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA. WE STILL HAVE COLONIALISM.

1:57:09

IF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., WOULD NOT BE DISCUSSING CIVIL RIGHTS TODAY. I BELIEVE AS YOUNG PEOPLE, WE

1:57:15

HAVE TO REACH A POINT WHERE WE SEE IF THAT WHICH IS THREATENING THE VERY FABRIC OF OUR COUNTRY'S

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DEMOCRACIES, AND SEE HOW BEST WE ORGANIZE. THE OTHER ISSUE I WOULD LIKE TO

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STATE IS THAT ESTABLISHED IN MOST COUNTRIES, INTEND TO LIMIT

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THE EXTENT TO WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE ADVANCE THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY.

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THIS IS BECAUSE SUCH LOADS INFRINGE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, FREEDOM

1:57:42

TO ASSEMBLE, AS WELL AS THE ABILITY TO EXPRESS THEIR OWN OPINION AND FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION.

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THE LAST THING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY, AND I THINK THIS IS SOMETHING WE SAY QUITE COMMON

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ACROSS THE AFRICAN REGION IS THE ASPECT OF SHUTTING DOWN THE INTERNET DURING AN ELECTORAL

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PROCESS, AND I THINK THIS IS LIMITING THE ACCESS TO WHICH WE'RE ADVANCING DEMOCRACY IN

1:58:04

AFRICA AND ACROSS THE GLOBAL REGION: BUILDING TRUST FOR

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GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION IS THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY THAT PRESENTS ITSELF, SO I THINK WITH THIS POINT AS I LIKE, SECRETARY

1:58:19

BLINKEN, THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY ON THE QUESTION AT HAND. >> GREAT. THANK YOU, AND AGAIN, I THINK

1:58:25

YOUR OBSERVATION, AND YOUR MESSAGE THAT YOU CREATE THE ENVIRONMENT FOR CHANGE.

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YOU DON'T WAIT FOR IT TO ERUPT

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SPONTANEOUSLY, AS YOU SAY, IT'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. LYNROSE, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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>> THANK YOU, SECRETARY BLINKEN, AND I THINK FOR ME, I'LL START WITH SYSTEMIC MARGINALIZATION OF

1:58:47

YOUNG PEOPLE. IN THE PHILIPPINES, AS I MENTIONED EARLY ON, YOUNG PEOPLE HAS POWER, ACCORDING TO

1:58:53

NATIONAL, 42% OF FILIPINOS ARE UNDER 18 YEARS OLD, AND THEY ARE POISED TO BECOME INFLUENTIAL

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE PHILIPPINE DEMOCRACY. HOWEVER, YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENTHUSIASM IS FREQUENTLY MET AS

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YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MARGINALIZED FROM POLITICAL PROCESSES AND LARGELY EXCLUDED FROM ELECTED

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POLITICAL SEATS WITH POLITICAL DYNASTIES DOMINATING IN THE 2022

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ELECTIONS, AND THESE YEARS POSE A CHALLENGE TO THE COUNTRY'S DEMOCRACY AS YOUTH BECOME DISCONTENT WITH INCREMENTAL

1:59:26

ADVANCES AND DIFFICULTIES IN INFLUENCING GOVERNMENT DECISIONS. YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE PHILIPPINES

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ARE ACTIVE IN INFORMAL FORMS OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, MAYBE STRAIGHT ACTIVISM, VOLUNTEERISM,

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AND SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, AND WE ALSO HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE IN FORMAL POLITICAL

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PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, YOUTH MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES HAS REMAINED LOW OR WEAK WHILE

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PLATFORMS FOR YOUTH POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT EXISTS INCLUDING, AS WE CALL IT IN THE PHILIPPINES OR

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THE YOUTH COUNCIL, BUT THE LACK OF CIVIL EDUCATION FOR YOUTH TO PREPARE THEM FOR EFFECTIVE

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PARTICIPATION IN THESE PLATFORMS IS LARGELY NONEXISTENT OR INEFFECTIVE. ALSO IN HIGHLY PATRIARCHAL

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COMMUNITIES, STEREOTYPES NOT JUST AROUND AGE BECAUSE YOU'RE YOUNG BUT ALSO AROUND GENDER,

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WHEN ALL OF THE CATEGORIES INTERSECT, THEY CAN CAUSE YOUNG WOMEN LEADERS TO BE EXCLUDED AND

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THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY IN SOME CASES IN SOME COMMUNITIES BECOME

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INVISIBLE. AND ALSO TO MENTION, YOUTH IN AUTONOMOUS REGION IN THE

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SOUTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE FREQUENTLY EXCLUDED FROM POLITICAL PROCESSES, AND

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THERE ARE REPORTS OF HIGH LEVELS OF DISENFRANCHISEMENT AND

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FEELING OF BEING MARGINALIZED, DUE TO FAITH, ECONOMIC CLASS AND LACK OF ACCESS TO SOCIAL

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SERVICES, AND YOUTH ARE VULNERABLE TO WRONGFUL RED TAGGING THIS THE COUNTRY, AND RED TAGGING RESTRICTS FURTHER

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THE, DIMINISHING THE SPACE IN THE PHILIPPINES WHERE ACTIVISTS, HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYERS,

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JOURNALISTS, AND ORGANIZED FILIPINOS ON SPOCIAL MEDIA ARE

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UNDER THREAT. ADDING THE INFLUENCE OF DIGITAL MEDIA IN PROMOTING FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS, YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE

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PHILIPPINES CREATE AND CONSUME A LOT OF CONTENT AND SOCIAL MEDIA, MAYBE FACEBOOK, TWITTER OR

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TIKTOK, THE INTERNET IS A DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD. IT CAN HELP IN MAKING A MORE

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INFORMED VOTE, AND ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION.

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THAT IS IF YOUNG PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO SORT INFORMATION BECAUSE

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THERE'S ALSO VALID INFORMATION ONLINE, AND DIGITAL REPRESSION IN THE COUNTRY TO ADVANCE POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.

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AND THIS DIMINISHES THE QUALITY OF DEMOCRACY, IT ZAPS TRUST IN

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DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, IT DISTORTS ELECTORAL PROCESSES AND POLARIZATION ON LINES.

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IN THE COUNTRY AS WELL. TO MENTION, ALSO USED TO DROWN OUT DISSENTING VOICES, ACCUSING

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THEM OF SPREADING FAKE NEWS OR BEING ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE, WHICH IS ANOTHER TYPE OF

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CENSORSHIP THROUGH NOISE, SO I THINK THOSE ARE SOME OF THE BARRIERS THAT CONFRONT YOUNG

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PEOPLE IN OUR COUNTRY. >> WE COULD SPEND THE ENTIRE HOUR ON DIGITAL MEDIA AND THE

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DOUBLE-EDGED SWORD ASPECT THAT YOU JUST REFERRED TO. IT'S SOMETHING, AND I'M SURE

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WE'LL COME BACK TO IT IN THE DAYS AHEAD AS WE GET TO THE SUMMIT. AND ALSO TO THE IMPORTANT POINT

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YOU MADE AT THE OUTSET, YOU MAY HAVE AN AGE BARRIER, BUT IF YOU

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ADD TO THAT A GENDER BARRIER, IT MAKES IT EVEN MORE CHALLENGING.

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DARIA? >> YES, THANK YOU, SECRETARY BLINKEN. I THINK MY FELLOW PANELISTS ANSWERED THIS QUESTION VERY WELL

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BUT I WILL JUST FOCUS BRIEFLY ON ONE MORE POINT, SPECIFICALLY REGARDING YOUTH ACTIVISM AND

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DEMOCRACY MOVEMENTS. YOUNG PEOPLE PARTICIPATE AND ENGAGE IN ACTIVISM AND MOVEMENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD RIGHT NOW IN

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HONG KONG, IN BELARUS, AND CUBA, AND THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO CHANGING THE SOCIETIES IS REALLY

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INVALUABLE, BUT THIS IS REALLY AN OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE THEY INSPIRED HOPE FOR POSITIVE

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CHANGE. BUT WHAT I REALLY SEE AS A BARRIER IS THAT IT'S QUITE RARE THIS YOUTH ACTIVISTS BRIDGE TO

2:03:21

DECISION MAKING TABLES RAN FOR OFFICES AND TAKE PARLIAMENT SEATS, AND AS MY FELLOW

2:03:29

PANELISTS MENTIONED BEFORE, THIS IS ALSO BECAUSE OF A LACK OF TRUST IN YOUTH ABILITIES TO

2:03:35

MEANINGFULLY PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC LIFE AND DECISION MAKING

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PROCESSES. AND THEIR ABILITIES AND KNOWLEDGE, THEY ARE STILL BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BASED ON THEIR AGE IN POLITICAL SETTINGS,

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SO I THINK THAT THERE IS NO OTHER CHOICE BUT FOR POLITICAL PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS TO

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CHANGE THIS, AND MAKE PROGRESS AND WITH THIS ADVANCE DEMOCRACY.

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>> WELL, YOU KNOW, I THINK IT'S USUALLY IMPORTANT FOR THE

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YOUNGER GENERATION TO RUN FOR OFFICE, BE ENGAGED IN THAT

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FASHION, AND TO KEEP MAKING THAT EFFORT. AT THE SAME TIME, IN PARALLEL,

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COLLECTIVE ACTION, CIVIC PARTICIPATION MORE BROADLY IS

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ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO HELPING DEMOCRACIES DEVELOP, DELIVER, AND REMAIN RESILIENT, ESPECIALLY

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WHEN WE ENCOUNTER CHALLENGES, DOWNTURNS, OR FOR THAT MATTER,

2:04:33

WHAT WE WOULD CALL AUTHORITARIAN ENCROACHMENT, EFFORTS BY AUTHORITARIAN ELEMENTS, TO

2:04:40

CAPTURE A SOCIETY. WE HAVE, I THINK, AS SOME OF YOU KNOW, PROGRAMS THAT CONTINUE TO

2:04:46

WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD ON THE ISSUE OF COLLECTIVE ACTION ON CIVIC

2:04:52

PARTICIPATION. WE HAVE SOMETHING CALLED THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WHERE WE'RE WORKING WITH YOUNG

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CIVIL LEADERS, ED RIGHT NOW IN MORE THAN A HUNDRED COUNTRIES TO TRY

2:05:05

TO BRING TOGETHER THE POWER OF NETWORKS, WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT, RELATIONSHIPS, INFORMATION, TO STRENGTHEN

2:05:10

COLLECTIVE ACTION, TO ACTUALLY BUILD CIVIC DIALOGUES, TO WORK ON PEACE BUILDING, SUSTAINABLE

2:05:20

DEVELOPMENT. HERE WE REALLY WANT TO WELCOME AND ENCOURAGE THOUGHTS ON HOW WE CAN MAKE THAT PROGRAM AND OTHERS

2:05:25

LIKE IT DO EVEN BETTER IN SUPPORTING CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN DIFFERENT

2:05:31

FORMS, AND HOW WE CAN INCREASE THE PRACTICE OF DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE GLOBE. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I HOPE

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COMES OUT OF THE NEXT FEW DAYS OUT OF TODAY IN PARTICULAR AND AS WE HEAD INTO THE SUMMIT, OUT OF THE SUMMIT IS HOW WE CAN

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ACTUALLY MAKE SOME OF THESE PROGRAMS BETTER, MORE EFFECTIVE, AND THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE

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EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH THEM ARE THE BEST PLACE TO TELL US WHAT'S WORKING, WHAT'S NOT WORKING. AND WHERE WE SHOULD FOCUS OUR

2:05:56

TIME AND ATTENTION. I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO RUN DOWN ON TIME SOON, SO I WANT TO GET TO A THIRD AND FINAL QUESTION

2:06:01

FOR THE GROUP, AND IT'S BASICALLY THIS. IF THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT YOU

2:06:09

COULD ASK OF THE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AND GOVERNMENTS AT THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY IN ORDER TO

2:06:15

BUILD GREATER YOUTH PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION IN CIVIC AND POLITICAL LIFE, AND MAKE IT EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE,

2:06:21

WHAT WOULD THAT BE? I THINK WE HAVE HEARD SOME OF IT ALREADY, AND THERE WERE SOME GOOD IDEAS, FOR EXAMPLE, THE

2:06:27

IDEA OF HAVING SOMEONE IN A GOVERNMENT WHO IS RESPONSIBLE AT A SENIOR LEVEL FOR REPRESENTING

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AND ENGAGING WITH YOUNGER GENERATIONS. YOUTH COUNCILS OF ONE KIND OR ANOTHER.

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BUT THINKING ABOUT THAT, YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY HERE'S WHAT WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE, HERE'S WHAT WOULD BE

2:06:45

MOST HELPFUL IN ENGAGING YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE POLITICAL LIFE OF OUR DEMOCRACIES, AND CIVIL LIFE

2:06:51

OF OUR DEMOCRACIES, IF YOU HAD A WISH LIST, WHAT WOULD THAT BE, AND I'LL SHARE THAT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES COMING TO THE SUMMIT,

2:06:59

AND MWILA, WHY DON'T WE START WITH YOU. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, SECRETARY BLINKEN, I THINK THERE'S AN

2:07:06

OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME OF US TO SHARE OUR WISH LIST OF WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE. FROM MY END, SECRETARY BLINKEN,

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I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOVERNMENTS REVISIT ANYTHING THAT INFRINGES ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO

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PARTICIPATE FREELY IN THEIR NATION'S DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOVERNMENTS

2:07:22

FROM POLITICAL CONSTRUCTIONS THAT INCLUDE YOUNG PEOPLE AS KEY PARTNERS IN DRIVING THE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL

2:07:28

AGENDA. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE POLITICAL PARTIES BEGIN TO FORMULATE STRONG SUCCESSION SYSTEMS THAT

2:07:36

SEEKS TO TAP INTO THE RESOURCE OF YOUNG PEOPLE AS THE GREAT CREAM OF LEADERS IN ORDER TO

2:07:41

ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP THAT TRANSCENDS GENERATIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOVERNMENTS BECOMING MORE TOLERANT, WHERE

2:07:50

SUCH IS IMPORTANT WITH DEMOCRACY. LASTLY, SECRETARY BLINKEN, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOVERNMENTS

2:07:56

SUPPORT SOCIETAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE CHAMPIONING DEMOCRACY TO ENGAGE IN PROGRAMS THAT SEEK

2:08:04

TO PRESENT DEMOCRATIC KNOWLEDGE GAP AT THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL ALL THE WAY UP INTO THE URBAN

2:08:09

TERRITORIES. JUST AS PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY PUT, THE IGNORANCE OF ONE VOTER IN A DEMOCRACY IMPAIRS

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THE SECURITY OF ALL, THE IGNORANCE OF ONE VOTER IN A

2:08:22

DEMOCRACY IMPAIRS SECURITY OF ALL. ARE WE HOPING FOR QUALITY

2:08:29

EDUCATION IS THE ANSWER DEMOCRACY IS THE ANSWER. ARE WE HOPING TO ACHIEVE UNIFIED

2:08:36

ACTION TOWARD CLIMATE CHANGE, DEMOCRACY IS THE ANSWER. ARE WE HOPING TOWARDS UNIFIED

2:08:41

ACTION OF THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC OF COVID-19, DEMOCRACY IS THE ANSWER. THANK YOU SO MUCH, SECRETARY. >> THANK YOU.

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GREATLY APPRECIATE IT. DA RIA, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO E? SE

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>> THANK YOU, SECRETARY BLINKEN, I THINK IT'S A GREAT QUESTION.

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IT'S A MOVE TO THE FIRST SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. ON MY SIDE, RECOGNIZING AS

2:09:03

PARTNERS IS MY MAIN RECOMMENDATION, AND IT CAN BE USE AS A GUIDE FOR COMMITMENT,

2:09:09

REGARDING YOUTH FOR A SUMMIT AT DEMOCRACY, WE KNOW WE SEE THIS ENGAGEMENT WITH YOUTH IS TREATED

2:09:15

THAT ANOTHER GROUP THAT GOVERNMENTS HAVE TO INVOLVE TO ENSURE THEIR DIVERSITY.

2:09:22

YOUTH NOT JUST A GROUP, AND DON'T WANT TO BE TREATED THAT WAY. YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL AND SKILL TO OFFER, SO

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WITH THIS, GOVERNMENTS NEED TO INVEST IN, SUPPORT, AND FINANCE WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE YOUTH-LED

2:09:33

ORGANIZATIONS AT NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS, AS WELL AS THINK MORE ABOUT YOUTH IN RURAL AREAS

2:09:39

AND PROVIDE CAPACITY BUILDING, OFFER EDUCATIONAL AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. GOVERNMENTS ALSO NEED TO TAKE

2:09:45

INTO ACCOUNT YOUNG PEOPLE WHEN CREATING THEIR FOREIGN POLICIES, FOCUSING MORE ON ENHANCING YOUTH

2:09:51

RIGHTS, REPRESENTATION AND RESOURCES OF YOUTH GLOBALLY, AND ALSO DEVELOPING YOUTH

2:09:58

EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMS. ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT IS ADDRESSING NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON YOUTH,

2:10:06

AND REALLY THE PANDEMIC THREATENED YOUNG PEOPLE'S EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, ALSO

2:10:12

FUTURE PROSPERITY, LIBERTIES AND DISPROPORTIONALLY AFFECTED THEIR MANTLE AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING,

2:10:18

AND FINALLY, PROMOTING CIVIC EDUCATION AMONG THE YOUTH IN LIGHT OF THE SATISFACTION AND

2:10:26

GROWING SATISFACTION, I'M SORRY, DECLINING SATISFACTION WITH DEMOCRACY, AND THIS CAN MEAN, FOR EXAMPLE, INCLUDING DEMOCRACY

2:10:31

COMPONENT IN SCHOOLS CURRICULA AT QUITE EARLY AGE. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY,

2:10:36

SECRETARY BLINKEN. >> THANKS VERY MUCH TO YOU. LYNROSE?

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>> IC THINK, SECRETARY, I'LL START WITH INVESTING, AND

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EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE, AND GIVING OPPORTUNITIES TO SCALE UP YOUTH-LED INITIATIVE AND WE DON'T NEED TO REINVENT THE

2:10:54

WHEEL. THERE ARE A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN THE COMMUNITY, BUT THEY NEED HELP AND SUPPORT AND

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SUSTAINED MENTORSHIP, AND TO DO THIS THERE SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE, RELEVANT, DEDICATED AND AGILE FUNDING AND RESOURCES THAT

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OVERCOME CHALLENGES WITH LEGAL REGISTRATION, AND USUALLY FUNDING REACHES THE CENTER.

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IT SHOULD REACH THE GRASS ROOTS LEVEL, ESPECIALLY IN FORMAL NETWORKS, AND SECONDLY, GOVERNMENTS NEED TO PARTNER AND

2:11:17

SUPPORT ECONOMIC POWER INITIATIVES LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE, AND SUPPORT YOUTH INNOVATION AND WHEN THEY TALKED ABOUT

2:11:23

PARTNERSHIP, I'M REFERRING TO INCLUSIVE, INTENTIONAL, MUTUALLY RESPECTIVE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN

2:11:28

YOUTH AND ADULTS WHERE POWER IS SHARED AND AS WE MOVE OUR INITIATIVES IN THE ONLINE SPACE

2:11:34

AS WELL WE NEED TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND ACCESS TO

2:11:40

DIGITAL TOOLS IS GENDERED AND SAFE ACCESSIBILITY TO THE INTERNET IS GENDERED, BOTH WOMEN AND GIRLS WITH BEING PUT IN A

2:11:46

PLACE OF DANGER IN TRYING TO FIND INTERNET CONNECTION FOR EXAMPLE IN THE PHILIPPINES AND

2:11:51

THEY BECOME MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO INPUT, YOU KNOW, LIKE VULNERABLE

2:11:58

TO THE VIOLENCE IN SOME CASES. ANOTHER IS WE NEED TO ENHANCE THE PROTECTION OF YOUNG

2:12:04

ACTIVISTS ONLINE AND OFFLINE. IN THE FACE OF COVID-19 CRISIS, WE HAVE SEEN DEMOCRACIES UNDER

2:12:11

ATTACK. IN MY HOME COUNTRY, FOR INSTANCE, YOUNG PEOPLE ORGANIZING AND ADDRESSING THE LACK OF RESPONSE AND INFI

2:12:22

INEFFICIENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT, WE NEED TO HOLD OUR GOVERNMENTS

2:12:28

ACCOUNTABLE. AND POLITICAL INEQUALITY, HOW IT AFFECTS YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUNG WOMEN. AND WE NEED TO PUT MORE DIVERSE

2:12:34

YOUNG PEOPLE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES, AND GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO SUPPORT AND DETERICREATE AN

2:12:41

ENVIRONMENT, NOT JUST YOUNG PEOPLE BELONGING TO POLITICAL DYNASTIES, BECAUSE I THINK IT'S CRUCIAL THAT GOVERNMENT MAKE

2:12:46

SUSTAINED COMMITMENTS TO REVEAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN GOVERNMENTS AND I

2:12:52

WOULD LIKE TO STRESS ENABLE MEANINGFUL YOUTH POLITICAL PARTICIPATION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO

2:12:58

MORE INCLUSIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES THAT BUILD THE BASIS FOR MORE PEACEFUL SOCIETIES.

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AGAIN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS SPACE. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, THANKS THAT.ARING MARGARITA.HA

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>> TNK YOU, SECRETARY BLINKEN.K I THINMY FELLOW PANELISTS HAVE REALLY SAID ALL THE IMPORTANT

2:13:16

THINGS. THEY'RE AMAZING, SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WOULD LIKE TO TACKLE THIS QUESTION ON SEVERAL LEVELS.

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I'LL KEEP IT SHORT, BUT YOU ASKED FOR A WISH LIST, AND THE WISH LIST IS VERY LONG.

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THE FIRST COMMITMENT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE GOVERNMENTS MAKE, AND THEY MENTIONED THIS ALREADY IS TO MAKE CIVIC EDUCATION A

2:13:35

PRIORITY, AND PUT IT IN THE CONTEXT OF MY COUNTRY, HERE IN CHILE, THE DICTATORSHIP

2:13:40

ELIMINATED CIVIC EDUCATION FROM THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM TO DISCOURAGE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, AND IT HAS BEEN

2:13:46

30 YEARS SINCE WE'RE A DEMOCRACY AGAIN BUT IT WAS ONLY A FEW YEARS AGO THAT A LAW INCLUDED

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CIVIC EDUCATION BACK BUT STILL IT HASN'T COME TO LIFE. WE NEED TO PREPARE OUR CHILDREN

2:13:58

TO BE ENGAGED CITIZENS WHEN THEY'RE OLDER. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN ASSURE THAT EVERYONE WILL

2:14:04

WHEYPLAY A ROLE WHEN THEY GROW UP. TODAY HERE IN CHILE, PRIVATE SCHOOLS WITH THE BEST TEACHERS

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AND RESOURCE HAVES ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION. THIS IS THE REASON WHY WE HAD A WORLDWIDE KNOWN STUDENT MOVEMENT

2:14:16

IN 2011. IT IS THE MOST PRIVILEGED STUDENTS IN THE COUNTRY WHO ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF

2:14:23

THEIR PARTICIPATION. AND THIS BECOMES EVIDENT DURING ELECTIONS WHEN VOTER TURNOUT IS HIGHER IN WEALTHIER

2:14:28

NEIGHBORHOODS. WITH PROPER CIVIC EDUCATION FOR EVERYONE, THIS WILL HELP CHANGE THE CULTURE IN THE LONG RUN.

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BEFORE LAST YEAR'S, THIS IS WHAT WE HAD IN MIND WHEN IT'S OUR

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TURN TO PARTICIPATE WHEN WE HELD DOZENS OF WORKSHOPS TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT A CONSTITUTION IS AND WHY IT WAS

2:14:46

IMPORTANT FOR THEM TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANTED A NEW

2:14:52

ONE. PEOPLE HAD MANY DOUBTS AND THEY WERE EAGER TO LEARN: IN MOST CASES NO ONE HAD EXPLAINED OR

2:14:58

CONSIDERED THE IMPORTANCE FOR OUR COUNTRY'S DEMOCRATIC LIFE BEFORE.

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THEN I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROMOTE THE EMPOWERMENT OF YOUTH CREATING

2:15:08

PROGRAMS AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR PROJECTS. GREAT IDEAS COMING FROM YOUTH

2:15:14

RARELY SEE THE LIGHT, IMAGINE WHAT THAT WOULD LOOK LIKE, FULL OF INNOVATION, I'M SURE. ALL OF THIS WILL ALLOW A MORE

2:15:22

ENGAGED YOUTH. THIRD, AND I'M WRAPPING UP WITH THIS, TO CONSOLIDATE THEM AS

2:15:27

AGENTS OF CHANGE IN POLITICS. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD OPEN UP SPACES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AS SOMEONE ELSE WAS MENTIONING.

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I INVITE LEADERS TO INVOLVE YOUTH IN DECISION MAKING. YOU WILL BE SURPRISED AT THE PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTS THAT

2:15:39

YOUNG PEOPLE CAN PROVIDE, AND NOT ONLY ON ISSUES CONCERNING YOUTH.

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I'M LABELED TO SAY YOUTH ACTIVIST, AND I'M INVITED TO DISCUSSIONS ON YOUTH BUT I HAVE A LOT TO SAY ABOUT MANY OTHER

2:15:52

THINGS TOO. FINALLY, GOVERNMENTS SHOULD HOLD A YOUTH SUMMIT SO YOUNG PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE WORLD CAN

2:15:59

EXCHANGE IDEAS, AND MAKING SURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE ATTENDING THIS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL PLATFORMS ARE DIVERSE, SO WE ARE

2:16:04

REALLY OPENING UP SPACES FOR ALL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> GREAT. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR SHARING

2:16:09

THOSE INSIGHTS, FOR SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCES. AND FOR GIVING US SOME GOOD IDEAS TO WORK ON AND TO CARRY

2:16:17

THROUGH. AND MARGARITA, I TAKE YOUR LAST POINT VERY SERIOUSLY, NOT ONLY

2:16:22

GIVING SPACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNANCE AND IN

2:16:30

POLICY, CONFINED JUST TO YOUTH ISSUES. BUT YOUR VOICES, YOUR INSIGHTS,

2:16:36

YOUR DIFFERENT WAY JUST GENERATIONALLY OF LOOKING AT THINGS I THINK IS VITALLY

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IMPORTANT ACROSS THE BOARD ON VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING THAT GOVERNMENTS DO. SO I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT

2:16:48

POINT TO UNDERSCORE. A LOT OF REALLY GOOD IDEAS THERE. I HAVE TAKEN NOTE ON THE WISH LIST FROM ALL FOUR OF YOU.

2:16:54

WE'LL SHARE THAT WITH SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. SO I THINK AS WE'VE HEARD TODAY,

2:17:03

DEMOCRACY HAS ITS SHARE OF CHALLENGES, ESPECIALLY RIGHT NOW, BUT WHAT I HAVE HEARD IS

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THAT THERE ARE ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL, AND ALSO JUST AMONG THE FOUR OF YOU, AND

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YOU'RE REPRESENTATIVE OF SO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE WORLD, A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ENERGY,

2:17:23

DETERMINATION, AND ALSO VISION OF WHAT OUR DEMOCRACIES CAN BE

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IF THEY ACTUALLY WORK AT IT, INVEST IN THEM, AND CREATE THE

2:17:33

SPACE FOR PARTICIPATION FOR ALL THE CHALLENGES THAT ARE FACING DEMOCRACIES, I THINK WE

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WILL HAVE REASON TO BE OPTIMISTIC. AND MY OPTIMISM COMES

2:17:46

FROM LISTENING TO PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUNG PEOPLE WHICH IS REALLY AT THE END OF THE DAY, AT THE HEART

2:17:52

OF DEMOCRACY. IF YOU LOOK AT THE MARCH FORWARD

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IN ANY OF OUR COUNTRIES, ANY OF OUR DEMOCRACIES, ANY OF OUR

2:18:03

SYSTEMS, WHEREVER THEY ARE ON THE SPECTRUM, TIME AND AGAIN, CHANGE HAS BEEN DRIVEN NOT BY GOVERNMENTS BUT BY YOUNG PEOPLE,

2:18:09

BY RISING GENERATIONS. THAT'S CERTAINLY TRUE IN MY OWN COUNTRY, THE UNITED STATES, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WE WERE

2:18:14

TALKING ABOUT THAT A LITTLE BIT BEFORE. IT WAS YOUNG PEOPLE, AND OFTEN THOSE WITH THE MOST TO LOSE WHO

2:18:20

BELIEVED THAT ALL PEOPLE REALLY ARE CREATED EQUAL, AND THEY FOUGHT TO MAKE THAT A REALITY

2:18:26

REFLECTED IN THE LAW. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE

2:18:31

CONSISTENTLY WORKED TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN WHAT DEMOCRACIES

2:18:37

PROMISE AND WHAT THEY ACTUALLY DELIVER, SO FOR MY PART, AND ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, WE

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WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOUNG LEADERS THROUGH SOME OF THE PROGRAMS WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED.

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WE'LL CONTINUOUSLY LOOK FOR WAYS TO MAKE THEM BETTER, TO BRING IN MORE PEOPLE, TO MAKE THEM MORE

2:18:54

INCLUSIVE, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE AS EFFECTIVE AS THEY CAN BE AT BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

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AND SHARING SOME OF THE SKILLS THAT CAN MAKE YOUR ENGAGEMENT

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EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE. AS A COUPLE OF YOU NOTED, THIS

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DEMOCRACY SUMMIT IS JUST STEP ONE. IT'S NOT THE CLOSING CHAPTER.

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IT'S THE OPENING CHAPTER. WE HAVE A YEAR OF ACTION THAT WILL FOLLOW FROM THE DEMOCRACY SUMMIT, A TIME TO MAKE REAL THE COMMITMENT WE WILL MAKE OVER THE

2:19:29

COURSE OF THE SUMMIT AND TO CONTINUE TAKING ACTION ON YOUR OWN. WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH EVERYONE ON THAT.

2:19:35

TO ALL OF YOU WHO WERE ON THE PANEL AND TO ALL OF THOSE LISTENING IN, THANKS FOR A REALLY GOOD DISCUSSION.

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THANKS FOR PUTTING A LOT OF GOOD IDEAS ON THE TABLE AND ESPECIALLY THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING

2:19:47

DEMOCRACY AROUND THE WORLD. AT THE END OF THE DAY, TO ME AT LEAST, THIS COMES DOWN AS MUCH

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AS ANYTHING ELSE TO THIS BASIC IDEA, WHICH IS HUMAN DIGNITY,

2:19:59

AND I THINK THE SHARED CONVICTION THAT WE HAVE, THAT DEMOCRACY FOR ALL F ITS

2:20:06

CHALLENGES IS THE BEST WAY TO DEFEND, SUPPORT, AND ADVANCE

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HUMAN DIGNITY, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT DRIVES ALL OF US NO MATTER WHERE WE'RE FROM, NO

2:20:16

MATTER WHO WE ARE, NO MATTER WHAT OUR BACKGROUNDS, SO WE HAVE A REAL STAKE IN MAKING SURE THAT

2:20:23

THIS SYSTEM WORKS, WORKS EFFECTIVELY, DELIVERS FOR PEOPLE, SHOWS RESULTS, AND I'M

2:20:29

CONVINCED AND MAYBE EVEN MORE CONVINCED HEARING FROM THE FOUR OF YOU THAT ESPECIALLY YOUNG

2:20:36

PEOPLE, RISING GENERATIONS HAVE A CRITICAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THAT EFFORT, SO THANKS AGAIN FOR SHARING THE TIME TODAY.

2:20:41

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING WHAT ALL FOUR OF YOU ARE GOING TO BE DOING IN THE MONTHS AND YEARS AHEAD.

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THANKS VERY MUCH.

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>>> WHAT IS DEMOCRACY, AND WHAT DOES DEMOCRACY MEAN TO YOU? >> IT'S A SYSTEM WHERE THE

2:21:04

MAJORITY OPINION PREVAILS WHILE MINORITY OPINIONS ARE CELEBRATED.

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>> DEMOCRACY MEANS A FORM OF GOVERNMENT THAT PROMOTES CITIZEN

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PARTICIPATION IN THE POLITICAL LIFE. >> IT IS OUR DAILY LIFE IN OUR SOCIETIES THAT IS OUR EVERY DAY

2:21:24

DEMOCRACY. >> DEMOCRACY MEANS THAT WE ALL HAVE A VOICE AND OPPORTUNITY TO

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HAVE A LIFE. >> TO ME DEMOCRACY IS THE

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PRACTICE OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE. >> A COMMITMENT TO HEARING EACH OTHER'S VOICES AND OPINIONS, A COMMITMENT TO LIFTING EACH OTHER

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UP WHEN WE STUMBLE >> DEMOCRACY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE THE FUTURE OF MY OWN AND THE FUTURE OF MY COUNTRY.

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>> DEMOCRACY TO ME MEANS THAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC HAS A VOICE IN THEIR RULING GOVERNMENT.

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>> CREATED BY THE ANCIENT GREEKS, DEMOCRACY WAS FIRST ENVISIONED AS POWER OF THE

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PEOPLE. WHEN AN INCLUSIVE AND INFORMED CITIZENRY IS GIVEN POWER,

2:22:04

ACCESSIBILITY, AND FREEDOM TO VOTE, THEY CAN CHOOSE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES AND POLICIES THAT BEST REFLECT THEIR

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INTERESTS. THEY CAN FREELY VOICE OPINIONS ON ISSUES THEY WANT THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO ACT ON.

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ALL OVER THE WORLD, ALUMNI OF

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U.S. GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED EXCHANGE PROGRAMS, INTERNATIONAL AND U.S. CITIZENS ALIKE PROMOTE

2:22:27

DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND RULE OF LAW IN THEIR COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE EXCHANGE ALUMNI WHO

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WANT TO MAKE THE WORLD A FREER, BETTER PLACE. WHAT DOES DEMOCRACY MEAN TO YOU?

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>> IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT HAVING FREE ELECTIONS FOR OFFICIALS

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ONCE IN A WHILE. >> DEMOCRACY IS WHEN OUR SOCIETY IS LED BY THE VALUES OF EQUALITY, OPENNESS,

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TRANSPARENCY, FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, FREEDOM OF THOUGHT AND RELIGION, RESPECT FOR THE

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INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES AND DRIVES. >> THE CHOICE OF THE MAJORITY IN

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THE LEADERSHIP OF A COUNTRY OR IN DECISION MAKING IS WHAT WILL

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STAND AS CONSTITUTIONAL AND IT IS ABSOLUTE. >> IT'S THE AWARENESS THAT OUR

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INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS IMPACT

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POSITIVE OR POSITIVE. >> DEMOCRACIES ROOTED IN THE RULE OF LAW AND WITH RESPECT TO FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE

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THE BEST SHOT. >> WHEN DEMOCRACY, GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND

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FOR THE PEOPLE WORKS, IT IMPROVES PEOPLE'S LIVES. IT ADVANCES PEACE PROSPERITY,

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AND SECURITY. >> DEMOCRACY DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT. WE HAVE IT DEFEND IT.

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FIGHT FOR IT. STRENGTHEN IT. RENEW IT. >> EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY.

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HOW WILL YOU STRENGTHEN

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DEMOCRACY?

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>>> YOU CAN DO IT IF YOU'RE IN

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ANOTHER BOOTH BUT THEY WERE GO

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A UNITE UNIQUE GROUP OF TAKE HOLDERS, WHICH CITES THE

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CONSTITUENCY. THIS MORNING WE'RE PLEASED TO BRING TOGETHER REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR FROM THE WORLD'S LARGEST CORPORATIONS TO LEADING ENTREPRENEURS IN

3:07:14

EMERGING MARKETS. WE'LL DISCUSS WHY BUSINESS NEEDS DEMOCRACY TO THRIVE AND WHY

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DEMOCRACY IS MADE STRONGER BY A THRIVING PRIVATE SECTOR.

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WHY DO BUSINESS AND DEMOCRACY GO HAND IN HAND? WELL, IT'S BECAUSE THE INSTITUTIONS AND VALUES OF DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW, GOOD

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GOVERNANCE, TRANSPARENCY AND FREEDOM FROM CORRUPTION, FREEDOM OF INFORMATION, CITIZENS RIGHTS

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TO PETITION THEIR LEADERS AND MORE ALLOW BUSINESS TO THRIVE. BY THE SAME TOKEN, CWHEN BUSINES

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THRIVES CREATING JOBS AND OPPORTUNITY AND BUILDING AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY, CITIZENS CAN LIVE IN A SOCIETY THAT DELIVERS PROSPER TE

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ATY AND THEY BECOME TRUE STAKEHOLDERS IN DEMOCRACY. TODAY WE'RE PLEASED TO PRESENT A STELLAR LINE UP OF SPEAKERS AND THREE EXCITING PANELS THAT WILL

3:08:03

DELVE DEEPER INTO THESE CONNECTIONS. WE'LL EXAMINE THE TOPICS OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT,

3:08:08

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY, AND ENSURING DIGITAL SPACES ARE BOTH OPEN AND WELL GOVERNED.

3:08:15

AT THE DON CONCLUSION OF TODAY'S SESSION, WE'LL ASK EACH OF YOU TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU CAN DO

3:08:20

THROUGH YOUR FIRMS AND AS CITIZENS IN DEMOCRACIES TO ADVANCE A DEMOCRATIC AGENDA IN

3:08:26

THE COMING YEAR AND BEYOND. TO KICK US OFF, WE'RE EXTREMELY HONORED TO BE JOINED BY SE

3:08:33

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE TO SHARE THE ADMINISTRATION'S PERSPECTIVE ON HOW THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR CAN COLLABORATE

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TO PROMOTE PROSPERITY. FOLLOWING HER REMARKS, THE

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SECRETARY WILL BE JOINED BY CONVERSATION WITH TWO CORPORATE LEADERS WHOSE COMPANIES ARE AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE ISSUES WE'RE DISCUSSING TODAY. KENT WALKER, AND PATRICK HOLT

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SON, CEO OF STRIPE, MADAME SECRETARY, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. >> GOOD MORNING, THANK YOU.

3:09:03

IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE TO BE HERE THIS MORNING HOSTING THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

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AND HAVING AN IMPORTANT ROLE HERE IN THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY SO AS ANDREW JUST SAID VERY

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WELL, BUSINESSES FLOURISH WHEN DEMOCRACIES FLOURISH.

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AND DEMOCRACIES FLOURISH IN GROWTH ORIENTED BUSINESS

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ENVIRONMENTS. DEMOCRACIES FLOURISH WHEN PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE

3:09:36

ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AND HAVE DECENT JOBS. CERTAINLY, BUSINESSES FLOURISH IN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE OPENNESS,

3:09:44

TRANSPARENCY, A RULE OF LAW, AND WHEN BUSINESSES DON'T HAVE TO

3:09:50

COMPETE AGAINST GOVERNMENTS OR AUTOCRACIES, SO WHAT THIS MORNING'S SESSION IS ABOUT IN

3:09:59

KICKING OFF A YEAR-LONG DISCUSSION IS HOW WE, THE GOVERNMENT CAN WORK CLOSELY WITH EACH OTHER AND OUR ALLIES AND

3:10:05

OTHER GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD. BUT ALSO THE CRITICAL ROLE OF

3:10:13

THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SO I'M THRILLED TO BE HERE WITH TWO BUSINESS LEADERS FOCUSED ON

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THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND BUSINESSES AND TECH COMPANIES SPECIFICALLY IN HELPING US TO ENSURE THAT

3:10:26

DEMOCRACY FLOURISHES ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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LLT ME TOUCH ON A FEW THINGS. SO LATER THIS BEAK, THE U.S.

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WILL BE ANNOUNCING AN EFFORT ON EXPORT CONTROLS AND HUMAN RIGHTS. AND THE PRESIDENT WILL BE

3:10:45

ANNOUNCING THAT LATER THIS WEEK. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT WILL JUST BE THE BEGINNING OF OUR EFFORTS AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY COORDINATION AND CONSULTATIONS IN

3:10:54

COORDINATION WITH OUR PARTNERS TO ENGAGE AS MANY GOVERNMENTS AS

3:11:00

WE CAN AROUND THE WORLD IN THIS EFFORT EFFORT. WE'RE ALSO WORKING WITH OUR LIKE-MINDED PARTNERS AROUND THE

3:11:05

WORLD TO LEAD ON TECH PRIORITIES THAT AFFECT ALL DEMOCRACIES.

3:11:11

A FEW THINGS TO MENTION. THE LEADERS FROM THE U.S. AND JAPAN ANNOUNCED NEW EFFORTS THAT

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TOGETHER WILL ADVANCE CRITICAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES. SECOND, THROUGH THE TTC, TRADE

3:11:24

AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL IS, WHICH WE LAUNCHED LAST YEAR WITH THE EU, THE U.S. AND THE EU ARE

3:11:33

WORKING TOGETHER TO COME UP WITH SHARED PRINCIPLES IN AREAS FOR COLLABORATION ON KEY GLOBAL

3:11:38

TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING EXPORT CONTROLS. AND THIRD, WE HAVE LAUNCHED A

3:11:43

NEW BILATERAL COOPERATIVE PARTNERSHIP THAT REENFORCED THESE DEMOCRAT YOU CAN PRESENCE PRESIDENTIALS INCLUDING EFFORTS

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ON CRITICAL AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES WITH JAPAN AND SINGAPORE.

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SO THIS IS WHAT WE ARE DOING A AS A GOVERNMENT AND AMONG GOVERNMENTS TO ADVANCE THIS WORK.

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BUT TODAY AND THIS MORNING IN THIS SESSION IS ABOUT THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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WHAT ROLE CAN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AWAY ROLE CAN BUSINESSES, WHAT ROLE CAN

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ENTREPRENEURS AND TECH LEADERS AND TECH INVESTORS PLAY IN THIS CRITICAL WORK. AND I WILL SAY AS A COMMERCE

3:12:20

SUCCESS TEAM, I AM COMMITTED TO ENGAGING ALL OF YOU IN THE

3:12:26

MONTHS AHEAD IN THIS WORK. BUSINESSES HAVE ENORMOUS IMPACTS

3:12:32

ON DEMOCRACY AND THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER DEMOCRACIES FLOURISH. BUSINESSES THROUGH YOUR

3:12:37

DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS, THROUGH YOUR BUSINESS MODELS AND THROUGH YOUR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS AND A

3:12:42

WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND BUSINESS

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ACTIONS DIRECTLY CAN SUPPORT AND COMBATING HUMAN RIGHTS.

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AND AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERNET AND AND TECHNOLOGICAL

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ADVANCEMENT AND IT WAS THE

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TECHNOLOGIES WERE HUMAN RIGHTS ENABLING. WERE CITIZENS ENABLING AND

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INCREASINGLY WE'RE SEEING TECHNOLOGY USED NOT FOR GOOD. AND SO THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS IS TO COUNTER THAT DIGITAL

3:13:26

AUTHORITARIANISM. AND TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES ARE USED FOR GOOD IN THE PROMOTION OF

3:13:33

HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY AND NOT USED TO PROMOTE AUTOCRACY AND DIGITAL

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AUTHORITARIANISM. AND WE ARE COMMITTED TO THIS.

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THE PRESIDENT IS COMMITTED TO THIS AND WE BELIEVE THERE'S A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO PLAY. SO WITH THAT, IT IS NOW MY GREAT

3:13:51

PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE TWO BUSINESS LEADERS, PATRICK HOLT SON, THE CEO OF STRIPE, ONE OF

3:13:57

THE FASTEST GROWING, MOST SUCCESSFUL TECH STARTUPS, I PUT THAT IN QUOTES BECAUSE YOU HAVE GROWN BEYOND A STARTUP AT THIS

3:14:04

POINT, AND KENT WALKER, HEAD OF OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS FOR GOOGLE. I THINK IT'S VERY EARLY IN THE

3:14:09

MORNING FOR YOU GUYS, AND I APPRECIATE YOU COMING IN FOR THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

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SO PATRICK, I WANT TO START WITH YOU THIS MORNING.

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YOU HAVE COME FROM IRELAND TO THE U.S. YOUR COMPANY NOW OPERATES IN THE

3:14:28

U.S. HEAD QUARTERED IN SAN FRANCISCO AND DUBLIN. I KNOW YOU HAVE SPOKEN QUITE A LOT ON THIS TOPIC OF WHAT

3:14:34

BUSINESS CAN DO TO COUNTERDIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM, SO MAYBE WE CAN JUST START WITH

3:14:40

YOU. TELL ME WHAT YOU SEE AS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEMOCRACY

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AND INNOVATION. >> SURE, WELL, FIRST, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON

3:14:53

THESE TOPICS. THERE'S BEEN THIS DEBATE IN THE ECONOMIC LITERATURE FOR THE PAST

3:14:59

COUPLE DECADES, WHAT EXACTLY THE RELATIONSHIP IS BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND LONG RUN ECONOMIC

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GROWTH AND INNOVATION AND SO ON. THERE'S THIS PAPER FROM A COUPLE

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YEARS AGO. HE SUGGESTED THAT MAYBE

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DEMOCRACIES, THE MEASURED EFFECT HE FOUND 20% MORE PER CAPITA

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GROWTH. THAT'S A SIGNIFICANT SKT SIZE. BUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS I LIKED

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FROM A COUPLE YEARS AGO IS ONE BY HONG KONG. WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A MECHANISM

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WHERE DEMOCRACIES BETTER SUPPORT BOTTOM UP INSTITUTIONAL

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INNOVATIONS, CHANGE AND CREATIVITY ACROSS SOCIETY SUCH THAT THE VALUE OF DEMOCRACY IS

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ACTUALLY GREATER, THE MORE AFFLUENT A COUNTRY BECOMES AND

3:15:54

DOES A BUNCH OF ANALYSIS HERE AND FINDS THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH AND SUPPORTED BY THE DATA. AND THIS REALLY APPEALED TO ME

3:16:01

BECAUSE THIS IS VERY MUCH THE STRIPE EXPERIENCE. STRIPE IS A FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY. WHAT WE DO IS VERY ACCOCOMPLICA.

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WE WOULD ONLY BE ABLE TO PURSUE THE INNOVATION THAT WE DO WITH TIER FRAMEWORKS, TIER RULE OF LAW AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, AN

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INSTITUTIONAL DISPOSITION THAT TRIES TO WELCOME NEW WAYS OF DOING THINGS AND RATHER THAN

3:16:25

TRYING TO PROTECT THE STATUS QUO. AND THEN MORE IMPORTANT, STRIPE

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IS NOW ONE OF THE LARGEST PLATFORMS FOR ENTREPRENEUR SSHI

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IN THE WORLD AND ACROSS OUR MILLIONS OF CUSTOMERS, WE SEE THAT IN SO MANY CASES, THEY ARE CHALLENGING SOME FAVORITE

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INCUMBENT OR TRYING TO INTRODUCE NEW PRODUCTS OR SERVICES THAT'S

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DIFFERENT TO THAT WHICH HAS

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PREVAILED. IT'S ONLY WITH THIS KIND OF PARTICIPATORY INCLUSIVE AND

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INNOVATION-MINDED SOCIETY, THE KIND THAT TENDS TO PREVAIL IN A DEMOCRACY THAT OUR USERS WOULD BE ABLE TO DO WHAT THEY DO.

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SO THESE CLEAR FRAMEWORKS AND THIS SUPPORT FOR BOTTOM-UP INNOVATION IS MAYBE THE LINKAGE

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AND THEN JUST THE OTHER ONE TO SAY BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN SUCH A BENEFICIARY OF IT, AS YOU

3:17:16

POINTED OUT, I GREW UP IN IRELAND AND NOW HAVE THE GREAT

3:17:22

FORTUNE TO BE HERE IN THE U.S. ON A GREEN CARD. MY PARTNER GREW UP IN SWITZERLAND.

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SHE'S A SCIENTIST. SHE'S IN THE U.S. ON AN H 1 B AND THE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO TAKE

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A CRACK AT DOING THINGS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY OR TO INNOVATION, THEY THE TO DO SOMETHING IN A

3:17:45

FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY THAT'S BEEN CLEARLY EVIDENT THROUGH HISTORY. AND I THINK THAT THE ABILITY OF

3:17:50

ANY SOCIETY TO SUCCESSFULLY PURSUE LONG RUN INNOVATION AND

3:17:55

GROWTH WILL BE CLOSELY LINKED TO THE DEMOCRATIC STATUS. SO WE BOTH CONSIDER OURSELVES

3:18:01

LUCKY TO BE HERE. >> THANK YOU. AND WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE YOU

3:18:07

HERE. SO KENT, OVER TO YOU. AS I SAID IN THE INTRODUCTION, IT WAS ONCE THOUGHT THAT

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TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNET WAS DEMOCRATIZING. NOW WE SEE TECHNOLOGY USED TO

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STIFLE DISSENT, SURVEILLANCE, IN ALL KINDS OF ANTIDEMOCRATIC

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MALICIOUS WAYS. IN YOUR VIEW, WHAT IS THE ROLE

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FOR TECHNOLOGY TO PROMOTE

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DEMOCRACY AND ALSO VIA ROLE OF TECH LEAD FERS DOING THAT?

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>> YOU'RE RIGHT. WE'RE SEEING THIS RISING TIDE OF CHALLENGES AROUND THE WORLD. IT PUTS THE QUESTION SQUARELY.

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DEMOCRACIES HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN GREAT AT THE OPEN EXCHANGE

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OF IDEAS, COLLABORATION, RISK TAKING, AS YOU SAID IN YOUR OPENING REMARKS, THESE ARE NOT ONLY THINGS BUSINESS THRIVE, BUT

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LED TO INCREDIBLE ADVANCES IN SCIENCE, IN TECHNOLOGY. SO ON THE FLIP SIDE, HOW CAN IF

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YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY FROM STEAM ENGINES.

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IT HELPS DEMOCRACIES DELIVER ON THEIR PROMISE TO PEOPLE. THAT THEIR NEW OPPORTUNITIES, THEIR INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES

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FOR LIFE SPAN IN THE LAST CENTURY HAS DOUBLED. THE INTERNET HAS LOWERED PRICES FOR PEOPLE ACROSS THE ECONOMY.

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AND A AT A TIME IN THIS GLOBAL BATTLE FOR IDEAS, OUR DEMOCRACY IS BETTER THAN AUTHORITARIAN

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REGIMES. CAN THEY ACTUALLY MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR THEIR PEOPLE. I THINK IT'S CRITICAL FOR US TO SAY WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC WAYS

3:19:48

TECHNOLOGY IS HELPING? ASK THAT CAN BE HELPING GOVERNMENTS INNOVATE, ESTONIA IS

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WORKING ON ITS SMART CONNECTIVITY PROJECT BUT IT'S THE WHOLE OF THE ECONOMY HOW DOES DIGITIZATION LOWER PRICES, HOW DOES IT HELP WITH LIFE SAVING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE MRNA

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VACCINES THAT WE HAVE SEEN. THE LARGER CHALLENGES AHEAD,

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STAINABILITY, AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY, I KNOW THAT YOU AND MANY OF THE LEADERS IN

3:20:15

GOVERNMENT ARE WRESTLING WITH THIS TENSION WE HAVE RIGHT NOW BETWEEN THE ECONOMY SHIFTING FROM THE JUST IN TIME EFFICIENT

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BUT FRAGILE SUPPLY CHAINS TO JUST IN CASE, WHICH IS A MORE

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LESS EFFICIENT BUT MORE ROBUST APPROACH. TECHNOLOGY CAN HELP CUT THAT KNOT. THERE ARE WAYS OF MAKING USE OF

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DIGITIZATION TO MORE EFFICIENTLY AND MORE ROBUSTLY TAKE ADVANTAGE

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OF THE ECONOMY. CHALLENGES ARE INEVITABLE WHENEVER YOU DEVELOPMENT NEW TECHNOLOGIES, BUT IF WE CAN MASTER THAT AND COME UP WITH

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SENSIBLE REGULATION, THAT WILL HELP RALLY TOGETHER TO PRESERVE

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THE OPENNESS THAT HAS BEEN THEIR GREATEST STRENGTH. >> IT'S ALSO INCLUSIVITY.

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FOR DEMOCRACY TO FLOURISH, WHICH IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS, THE GROWTH

3:21:06

AND INNOVATION HAS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYBODY.

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YOU HAVE BEEN AT THIS FOR A LONG TIME.

3:21:17

WHAT MAKES YOU OPTIMISTIC. YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED SOME CHALLENGES, BUT WHAT MAKES YOU OPTIMISTIC THAT TECHNOLOGY, WILL

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BE ABLE TO PROMOTE WE'RE SEEING

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SOME ASTONISHING THINGS ON THE HORIZON. THE INTERNET HAS BEEN A FORCE AROUND THE WORLD FOR COMING ON 30 YEARS. THE PROMISE OF ARTIFICIAL

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INTELLIGENCE, WHICH CAN HELP US PREDICT THE FUTURE OF WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO TYPE IN FWRKS

3:21:45

MAIL TO THE NEXT MOVE TO IMPROVING RETAIL SUPPLY CHAINS OR ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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QUANTUM COMPUTING, OUR ENGINEERS HERE CALL THE LANGUAGE OF NATURE, HELPING WITH MATERIAL

3:21:57

SCIENCE, NUCLEAR FUSION, REALLY JUST UNLOCKING THESE SOLUTIONS

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FOR A NEXT GENERATION OF CHALLENGES. THAT'S INCREDIBLY EXCITING.

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AND WE NEED TO GET THAT RIGHT. WHAT WE NEED FOR DEMOCRATIC VALUES FOR THE OPENNESS AND FREEDOM AND THE THINGS WE HAVE

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TALKED ABOUT, I WOULD SAY THE INTERNET EMBODIES MANY OF THOSE

3:22:20

VALUES. IT HAS BEEN A WAY OF EMPOWERING VOICES AROUND THE WORLD, LETTING PEOPLE CONNECT, GIVING EVERYBODY THEIR OWN PRINTING PRESS THERE'S

3:22:33

A KOUBT MOVE. A STUDY CAME OUT SHOWING 48 GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BEEN SHUTTING DOWN ACCESS

3:22:41

IT TO INFORMATION, LUMTING THE ABILITY TO SPEAK OUT. I THINK IT'S A CRITICAL TIME NOT TO TURN INWARD.

3:22:48

WE HAVE TO DO THE REVERSE. WE HAVE TO COME TOGETHER AND STEP UP AND MAKE THE CASE THAT DEMOCRATIC VALUES MATTER AND

3:22:54

THEY WORK. YOU NEED TO HAVE WHAT DEMOCRACY SHOULD BE GOOD AT. OPEN AND HONEST DEBATES.

3:23:02

FREE EXPRESSION AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY, BUT THAT CONSTRUCTIVE DEBATE IS WHAT WE

3:23:07

DO WHEN WORTH AT OUR BEST. SO THAT'S WHY WE APPRECIATE YOU

3:23:13

SETTING UP THIS SUMMIT IS, THIS MULTISTAKE HOLDER GATHERING,

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THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES. BUILDING ON EFFORTS LIKE TO HELP DEMOCRACIES HASH OUT THE TOUGH

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QUESTIONS AND THEN MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER ON A PATH TO THE FUTURE. >> THANK YOU.

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SO PICK UP ON WHAT KENT JUST SAID, PATRICK, WHAT'S THE ROLE

3:23:38

OF BUSINESS, TECHNOLOGY, TECH LEADERS AND TECH ENTREPRENEURS IN IT DOING WHAT KENT SAID,

3:23:45

MAKING THE CASE FOR DEMOCRACY AND PUSHING BACK ON DIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM AND THE MISUSE

3:23:51

OF TECHNOLOGY AND DIGITAL TOOLS TO STIFLE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.

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>> WELL, TO WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVENESS,

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THEY WERE ABOUT WHO CAPITALISM

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GETS MISCONSTRUED. THE CORE IS AN OPEN, INCLUSIVE UNIVERSAL SYSTEM THAT ENABLES PEOPLE FROM EVERY BACKGROUND TO

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HAVE A GO AT THINGS. BUT ON THE ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR HERE, THE FIRST THING I WOULD SAY IS I THINK THE PRIVATE

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SECTOR SHOULD THINK ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS. THERE'S SOMETIMES THIS POSITION

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OF TO MY MIND INAPPROPRIATE NEUTRALITY AND DEEMING THIS

3:24:41

BEYOND THE REMAKE OF THE COMPANY, WHICH I DON'T THINK IS UNNECESSARILY TRUE. I THINK THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS

3:24:47

LONG BEEN A PARTICIPANT IN THE TRANSMISSION OF AMERICAN VALUES

3:24:53

AND GLOBAL LIBERAL VALUES AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

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THAT'S FULLY APPROPRIATE. I'M VERY INFLUENCED BY HAVING GROWN UP IN IRELAND AND SEEING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN

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GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRATICALLY

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ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR THAT PROPELLED IRELAND TO PROSPERITY OVER THE COURSE OF SEVERAL DECADES.

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AND AGAIN, SORT OF ANY SENSE THAT GOVERNMENT AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN'T WORK HEARMONIOUSLY

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TOGETHER IN THESE TOPICS IS CERTAINLY SORT OF REBUTTED BY THE IRISH EXPERIENCE.

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THE BASIC ROLE IS IN THE BEGINNING TO CREATE A MORE

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PROSPEROUS, INCLUSIVE AND AFFLUENT SOCIETY. GLOBAL MEDIA AND INCOME IS STILL JUST ABOUT \$5,000 A YEAR.

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TSTZ TO SUPPORT THE CREATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP THAT IT WILL ADVANCE CENTERS ACROSS THE

3:26:01

WORLD. I THINK THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHOULD THINK OF DEMOCRACY SOMEWHAT AS WE DO OTHER PILLARS

3:26:07

OF CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THAT

3:26:12

WHEN WE CONSIDER OPERATING IN SOME COUNTRY, AN UNRELIABLE

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ELECTRICITY SUPPLY WOULD GIVE US PAUSE AND WOULDN'T DEEM THAT

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BE BEYOND, AND I THINK IT'S CORRECT AND APPROPRIATE FOR US TO WEIGH

3:26:32

THE CIVIC, DEMOCRATIC AND GOVERNANCE NORMS.

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SORT OF MUTE MILLTY ON MULTIPLE A AX CEASE.

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SIS. TO THE EFGTS OF OUR PRODUCTS IN THE WORLD BECAUSE THAT'S NOT ALWAYS FULLY
FORESEEABLE. AS THE LINE GOES, IT'S ONE THING

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TO INVENT ELECTRICITY, BUT IT'S HARD GIVEN THAT INVENTION TO PREDICT ROCK MUSIC. AND ALSO
HUMILITY IN TERMS OF

3:27:06

OUR ABILITY TO SHAPE THAT WHICH

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HAPPENS AROUND THEM. WE HAVE TO THINK BROADLY ABOUT THE APPROPRIATE FOR OUR ROLE AND

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IT'S A SENSE THAT SILICON VALLEY

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CAN DO ITS THING AND GOVERNMENT WILL SEPARATELY ACT IN ITS OWN CAPACITY. I GUESS THE
STRIPE VIEW IS INFLUENCED BY OUR BEING

3:27:33

FINANCIAL SERVICES IS IT HAS TO BE A PARTNERSHIP FROM THE OUTSET. WE WORK CLOSELY WITH
GOVERNMENT

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AGENCIES AND HAVE PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEM. I THINK IT'S MUCH BETTER TO SEE

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THAT AS SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE PURSUED IN JOINT PARTNERSHIP

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RATHER THAN SEPARATELY FROM OUR RESPECTIVE COASTS. >> YEAH. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS IS ALL THE

3:27:57

TIME WE HAVE. I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR THIS. I'M GOING TO CONCLUDE WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID. SHOW UP AND ENGAGE.

3:28:02

SO I'M UNVIOLENT INVITING THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO SHOW UP AND ENGAGE WITH US IN THE GOVERNMENT

3:28:11

OVER THE NEXT YEAR AND BEYOND. I'M COMMITTING TO YOU THAT WE WILL BE OPEN AND INVITING OF

3:28:19

PRIVATE SECTOR FEEDBACK AND ENGAGEMENT BECAUSE WE NEED TO DO THIS TOGETHER. SO THANK YOU BOTH SO MUCH.

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>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAME SECRETARY.

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FOR THAT INSPIRING CONVERSATION AND SHOWING UP AND ENGAGING. THAT'S A GREAT THEME FOR TODAY'S

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EVENT. WE APPRECIATE YOUR VISION OF HOW DEMOCRACY AND BUSINESS ARE

3:28:58

REENFORCING. SO IN WHICH DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND INSTITUTIONS WILL ENSURE AN

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INCLUSIVE ECONOMY. YOU HAVE REMINDED US THAT BUSINESS AND DEMOCRACY OF A SIM BEE YACHT YOU CAN RELATIONSHIP AND HAVE SHOWN HOW IT SERVES AS

3:29:13

THE FERTILE SOIL TAKES I PLATS AND BENEFITS HUMANITY.

3:29:19

THE TALES AT GOOGLE ARE LEADERS IN A NEW AREAS OF CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE

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OUR FIRST PANEL ON THE TOPIC OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN INCREASING PROMINENCE

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GIVEN TO ESG BOTH IN INVESTMENT

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DECISIONS AND IN BUSINESS CONDUCT. WE HAVE HEARD A NEW APPRECIATION

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FOR THE CONCEPT OF STAKEHOLDER CAPITALISM AND KNOW THE MARKET REWARDS FIRMS WHO KEEP TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS.

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HOWEVER, OVER THE PAST FEW TECH KADS, INVESTMENTS HAVE INTERVENED IN LOCAL MARKETS TO

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ACHIEVE POLITICAL GOALS. THESE HAVE LIMITED COMPETITION AND RESULTED IN FEWER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CITIZENS AND

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THEY HAVE EXACERBATED CORRUPTION.

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WE SEEK TO COUNTER THAT TREND BY MONTH PROTOING INVEST THE.

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WE NOW WELCOME JOHN BROTHERS, WHO WILL MODERATE OUR DISCUSSION ON RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT.

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>> THANK YOU, SORRY ABOUT THAT. THIS PANEL IS GOING TO EXAMINE

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HOW RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS PRACTICES ARE GROUNDED IN HUMAN RIGHTS, THE RULE OF LAW AND

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EQUITY CAN REENFORCE DEMOCRACY. WE HAVE AMAZING PRIVATE SECTOR LEADERS FROM THE PHILIPPINES

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FROM NIGERIA, THE UKRAINE AND THEY ARE GOING TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF GOVERNMENTS P

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PROMOTING A CULTURE OF INTEGRITY THAT ENSURES TRANSPARENCY IS,

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SUPPORTS CORPGOVERNMENT NONS AN REENFORCES THE JUDICIARY. I HAVE THE GOOD FORTUNE OF INTRODUCING OUR PANELISTS.

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I SPENT A LOT OF TIME YESTERDAY LOOKING OVER THEIR BIOS.

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BUT IT DEPARTMENT TELL ME HOW TO PROPERLY SAY THEIR NAMES. MY APOLOGIES AS I INTRODUCE THESE GREAT FOLKS.

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PLEASE DO CORRECT ME.

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SO THE HONOR OF THE FIRST I GET TO INTRODUCE IS LENNA KOSZARNY,

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WHO IS THE CEO OF HORIZON CAPITAL. A LEADING PRIVATE EQUITY FIRM IN

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EUROPE BACKED BY OVER 40 INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS MANAGING

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FUNDS WITH ASSETS UNDER MANAGEMENT OF \$1.1 BILLION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FORRIN BEING

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HERE. THE NEXT IS NANETTE MEDVED-PO.

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THE PHILIPPINES FIRST B CORP. ALLOWING CO ING CON SUMERS TO V

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PESOS. AND THEN DR. AMY JADESIMI.

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CEO OF LADOL OFFSHORE LOGISTICS, AN ENGINEERING FACILITY IN THE

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PORT OF NIGERIA. SO THE FIRST QUESTION I'M GOING TO ASK, LEN NA, I'M GOING TO

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HAVE YOU START.

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HOW DOES YOUR BUSINESS CONTRIBUTE TO THE WELL BEING OF YOUR COUNTRY AND, SPECIFICALLY,

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THE STRENGTH OF YOUR COUNTRY'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS? >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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I WANT TO SAY HOW HONORED I AM TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SUMMIT TO REPRESENT RESPONSIBLE INVEST MENT IN UKRAINE.

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AND ALSO TO BE ALONGSIDE SUCH GROUND BREAKING WOMEN FROM NIGERIA AND THE PHILIPPINES. I'M REALLY EXCITED TO SPEAK

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ABOUT HORIZON CAPITAL AND WHAT WE DO TO CONTRIBUTE TO DEMOCRACY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO TELL A

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BIT OF THE STORY. THE JOURNEY BEGAN WITH THE

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ENTERPRISE FUND. ANYONE WHO KNOWS, THEY WERE SET UP. IT WAS APPROVED BY CONGRESS THAT

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WERE IN COUNTRIES FOLLOW ING TH BREAKUP OF THE SOVIET UNION AND

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THESE FUNDS WERE INTENDED TO SPUR TWOMT OF MARKET ECONOMIES AND ALSO TO ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE INVEST THE.

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THEY ARE AS MAIZING VEHICLES LED BY VOLUNTEER BOARDS.

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I WAS FORTUNATE TO JOIN IN 2003.

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IN 2006 WE SPUN OUT WITH HORIZON CAPITAL. BUT ALSO ABLE TO RAISE OVER A BILLION DOLLARS FOR FUNDS.

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AS YOU MENTIONED BACKED BY OVER 40 U.S. AND EUROPEANS THAT OVER

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\$570 BILLION. WE'RE FORTUNATE TO HAVE THESE NEW ENTREPRENEURS, OVER 150

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COMPANIES, 70,000 EMPLOYEES AND

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BRING \$2.2 BILLION. THE WAYS WE CONTRIBUTE IT'S THREE OF THEM. FIRST OF ALL, WE ARE A FLAG

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BEARER. WE ARE A MODEL OF INTEGRITY, TRANSPARENCY AND GOVERNANCE IN

3:34:24

THE REGION.

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WE PARTNER WITH THE LEADING ENTREPRENEURS. IT'S IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT THE VISIONARY ENTREPRENEURS OF

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TODAY AND TOMORROW THAT THIS ESG CORPORATE GOVERNANCE, ALL OF

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THESE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT ARE PART

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OF THEIR DNA AS WELL. THIRD, WE ALSO UNITE WITH LIKE-MINDED ORGANIZATIONS. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT WE BRING

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TOGETHER BUSINESSES THAT ARE FURTHERING UKRAINE'S BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, INNOVATION,

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DIGITALIZATION AND MUCH MORE. AND FINALLY, THE LAST THING I WANTED TO SAY, WE'RE VERY

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FOCUSED ON PERSONALLY ON GENDER

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EQUALITY WE'RE THRILLED TO BE AWARDED THE FLAGSHIP FUND, THE FIRST IN OUR REGION. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE CHALLENGE WAS LAUNCH ED BY 7

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COUNTRIES. MOBILIZE 11 BILLION NOW SET A FWOEL OF 15 BEING AND THIS IS

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VERY IMPORTANT. SO WE CONTINUE TO WAVE A FLAG FOR DEMOCRACY, FOR GENDER EQUAL

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IF I IN OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU. >> I LOVE ALL THE WORK AROUND PARTNERSHIP AND MOBILIZATION.

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THAT'S GREAT. NANCE NET, HOETTE, HOW ABOUT YO?

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME.

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WE HAVE MARKET-BASED MECHANISMS WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN VOTE WITH

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THEIR PESO ABOUT WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO THEM. OUR AREAS OF INTERVENTION TEND TO FOCUS ON EDUCATION AND L

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LIVELIHOOD, WUM AND THE ENVIRONMENT WHERE TO BE THE I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH I FEEL IS RELEVANT TO THE TOPIC.

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FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, THE PHILIPPINES IS INFAMOUSLY THE THIRD WORST OFFENDER FOR PLASTIC

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POLLUTION. SO WASTE MANAGEMENT IS HIGHLY FRAGMENTED.

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AND WE'RE RESIP IS YENTS OF TRASH.

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SO IT OFFERS A MARKET-BASED

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WHERE PRIVATE SECTOR BUSINESSES CAN VOLUNTARILY TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO CLEAN UP THEIR

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POST CONSUMER PLASTIC FOOT PRIBTS WHILE PRINTS WHILE WE

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WAIT FOR GOVERNMENT TO ENACT LEGISLATION. SO AT THE MOMENT, BRANDS ARE TAKING RESPONSIBILITY THROUGH PCX A AS A REA ACTION TO DEMANDS

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FROM THE MARKET CONSUMERS WANT TO BUY FROM COMPANIES WHO REPRESENT THEIR VALUES.

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SO OUR LABEL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DID THE OF TRADE ALLOWS CONSUMERS TO SUPPORT RESPONSIBLE

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CONSUMPTION. THE PHILIPPINES, AFTER ALL, IS THE ONE WHO BROUGHT THE WORLD PEOPLE POWER, SO WE THOUGHT WE

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WOULD FIND A WAY TO LEVERAGE THAT FORCE FOR GOOD IN HOW WE MAKE OUR DAILY DECISIONS FOR NATION BUILDING AND INVESTMENTS

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IN SOCIAL GOOD. WHEN LEGISLATION CATCHES UP TO THE ISSUE, WE THINK WE WILL BE WELL POSITIONED FOR COMPLIANCE.

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PCX DOES ASSIST LAWMAKERS IN THINKING THROUGH THE LANGUAGE OF THE UPCOMING EPR LEGISLATION AND

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WE BELIEVE IF THE TOP IN THE COUNTRY TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR PLASTIC FOOTPRINTS,

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THE PHILIPPINES, WELLS MAYBE OTHER COUNTRIES, WOULD NO LONGER BE POLLUTERS OF PLASTIC INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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>> NANETTE, THAT'S AMAZING. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. AMY, WE'LL FINISH ON THIS

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QUESTION WITH YOU. CAN YOU SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE FROM NIGERIA?

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>> SURE, THANK YOU. THANKS FOR HAVING ME ON THE PANEL. AND IT'S GREAT TO SEE HOW

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IMPORTANT PRIVATE SECTOR IS IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, BOTH IN UKRAINE AND PHILIPPINES. IN NIGERIA, IT'S 95% OF THE

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MARKET. AND IT'S CLEAR THAT BECAUSE WE NEED TO CREATE MILLIONS OF JOBS, WE NEED PRIVATE SECTOR TO GROW

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TO BE A THOUSAND TIMES THE SIZE IT CURRENTLY IS. SO IT'S AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF THE

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NEW PRIVATE SECTOR COMPANIES. THAT IS CREATING VALUE BY COMING

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INTO THE MARKET, INVESTING IN LONG-TERM INDUSTRIALIZATION BASE

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EDDEN A SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MODEL THAT IS FOCUSED ON JOB CREATION, BUT NOT JUST CREATING JOBS, EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO

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CREATE CAREERS. AND THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL BECAUSE YOU CAN'T HAVE A

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY IN THE TRUE SENSE IF YOU DON'T HAVE A STRONG CIVIL SOCIETY AND PEOPLE DON'T

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HAVE WORK AND DIGNITY. SO OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, LADOL

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HAS TRANSFORMED INTO ONE OF THE LARGEST INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONES IN WEST AFRICA.

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WE DID THAT BY PARTNERING AND RAISING LOCAL MONEY, BUT MOST

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IMPORTANTLY, BY RECK THESE NEWS INTO THAT WE HAD TO CREATE AN

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ECOSYSTEM WHERE INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES THAT HAVEN'T BEEN

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DONE BEFORE CAN TAKE PLACE AND THAT ECOSYSTEM HAD TO BE SUSTAINABLE. NOT BECAUSE WE'RE DO GOODERS,

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BUT BECAUSE SUSTAINABLE BUSINESSES ARE THE MOST PROFITABLE. AND WE REALIZED IF WE WERE GOING

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TO BUILD THIS NEW WORLD FROM SCRATCH, THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD WAS TO DO IT SUSTAIN SUSTAINABLY.

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SO THE IMPACT OF THE COMPANY LIKE LADOL IS NOT ONLY IN THE THOUSANDS OF JOBS WE HAVE

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CREATED, THE \$500 MILLION WE HAVE INVESTED. BUT THE FACT THAT WE ARE A

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MULTIPLAYER ON JOB CREATION AND WE HAVE MANAGED TO CHANGE THE NARRATIVE IN THE AREAS WE PLAY

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BY SIGNIFICANTLY DECREASING THE COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS IN NIGERIA.

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SO WE ARE PART OF THE NEW FRONTIER OF PRIVATE COMPANIES RUN BY INDIGENOUS NIGERIANS THAT

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ARE CREATING A NEW MARKET THAT WILL CREATE A WORKFORCE OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF NIGERIANS WHO ARE GOING TO BE

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THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT WE WORK CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENT OR THE

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INDUSTRIES WE PLAY IN OUR HIGHLY REGULATED, BUT JUST AS WE HEARD

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FROM THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER, YOU HAVE TO WORK AHEAD OF GOVERNMENT AND CREATE NEW PARADIGMS, WHICH

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YOU THEN WORK WITH GOVERNMENT TO CREATE POLICIES FOR. AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, THAT'S

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WHAT THEY HAD TO DO AS WELL. BUT IF YOU WANT A THRIVING

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ENVIRONMENT, PARTICULARLY IN LOW-INCOME COUNTRIES, IT'S CLEAR PRIVATE SECTOR INSTITUTIONS SUCH

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AS OURS AND THE OTHERS WE HAVE HEARD FROM PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE.

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AND THEREFORE, INSTITUTIONS LIKE LADOL HAVE TO HAVE CLEAR BUSINESS MODELS DRIVEN BY

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STAINABILITY AND FOCUSED ON IF YOU LIKE A DOUBLE BOTTOM LINE, WHERE WE'RE ABOUT JOB CREATION,

3:41:38

BUT CREATING JOBS WITH DIGNITY AND WITH SOLID CAREER PROSPECTS.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH. WHAT I REALLY LOVE ABOUT WHAT

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YOU SAID IS THE WORK YOU'RE DOING AROUND ECOSYSTEM BUILDING IS AMAZING. NANETTE, WE'RE GOING TO START WITH YOU ON THE NEXT QUESTION.

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AS A CONSTRUCTIVE LEADER WORKING TO PROVIDE MORE WEALTH IN YOUR SOCIETY, WHAT CAN GOVERNMENT DO

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TO CREATE MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOU?

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>> MEETING MARKET DEMAND AND BUILDING EFFICIENCY, I THINK IT

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WOULD HELP IF GOVERNMENT COULD HELP BY ALLOWING US TO LEVERAGE THESE ASSETS THROUGH TAX OR

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OTHER INCENTIVES, PROTECTION OF RIGHTS, REQUIRING TRANSPARENCY. SO THAT THESE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

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CAN FREELY DEVELOP. ONCE YOU COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS

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THAT CAN SCALE THAT PROVIDE THE POLICY THAT ALLOW US TO GET THOSE SOLUTIONS TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE.

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>> DR. JADESIMI, HOW CAN WE CREATE MORE FOLKS LIKE YOURSELF?

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>> I THINK WE ALL HAVE THE SAME EXPERIENCE.

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IT'S A FREE ZONE. IT'S A SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE. WE NEED A STABLE ENVIRONMENT.

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AS LONG-TERM INVESTORS OF INFRASTRUCTURE, WE NEED ACCESS TO FIT FOR PURPOSE CAPITAL.

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WE NEED GUARANTEED ACCESS TO THE MARKET. THAT DOESN'T MEAN FAVORISM.

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IT MEANS IT'S GOING TO SET A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD WHERE THEY LOOK AT ENSURING THAT IF YOU BUILD A VALUE-ADDED SOLUTION

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LOCALLY, THAT SOLUTION HAS CLEAR MARKET ACCESS AND IS NOT SUBJECT TO EXCLUSION DUE TO MONOPOLIES

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OR OTHER BAD PRACTICES. >> THANK YOU FOR THAT. IS AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HOW

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DO WE CREATE MORE GOOD FOLKS LIKE YOURSELF? >> THANK YOU, JOHN.

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IT MEANS INVESTING IN THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW. IT MEANS MODERN EDUCATION, IT

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MEANS PICKUPS FOCUSED ON YOUTH LEADERSHIP.

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LIKE THE FUND HAS WITH REGIONAL

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COUNT SILS, WITH THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY THAT HAS TURNED OUT OVER A THOUSAND IT LEADERS ACROSS FIVE CAMPUSES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. AND IT ALSO MEANS WORKING TO

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RETAIN THE BRAIN TRUST AND

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FUTURE LEADERSHIP AND THAT INCLUDES ENSURING THAT ENTREPRENEURS, THAT CIVIC SOCIETY LEADERS AND SCIENTISTS, ACADEMICS, GT TORTS STAY IN

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UKRAINE. IT ALSO MEANS A AS A GLOBAL COMMUNITY SAFEGUARDING UKRAINE FOR THE NEW GENERATION.

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AND I KNOW EVERYONE WAS WATCHING

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THE BOIDEN/PUTIN SUMMIT AND UKRAINE IS IN THE NEWS A GREAT

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DEAL LATELY I'M SITTING HERE IN UKRAINE. TO EVERYONE WAFTING TODAY, I SAY UKRAINE IS TRULY AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE IN ITS HISTORY.

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IT'S LED BY A FUTURE GENERATION. THESE ARE THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF UKRAINE. ALL OF THE DRIVERS OF CHANGE ARE

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THE NEW GENERATION THEY ARE DRIVING ENTREPRENEURSHIP, DIGITALIZATION, TRANSFORMING

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TODAY THE COUNTRY INTO WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE IN THE FUTURE. I BELIEVE THEY CANNOT LET THEM DOWN.

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I WAS FORTUNATE I WAS BORN IN A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY. I CAME TO UKRAINE 20 YEARS AGO BUT NEVER BEEN MORE INSPIRED

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THAN I HAVE IN THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS BY THIS NEW GENERATION, BY THE RESPONSIBILITY THEY ARE TAKING ON THEIR SHOULDERS AND IT

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STAYS INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC FREE AND FAIR. AND FINALLY, IN A WORLD WHERE

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CLIMATE CHANGE IS IN THE HEADLINES, WHEN FOOD SECURITY IS IN THE HEADLINES, I BOLDLY STATE

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THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT THE AMAZON RAIN FOREST, WE SEE THE LUNGS OF THE EARTH.

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WHEN WE LOOK AT UKRAINE, WE SEE A COUNTRY THAT IT NOT ONLY IS THE BREAD BASKET OF THE

3:46:04

EUROPE, BUT FEEDS THE WORLD. SO I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING

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ALL WE CAN DO TO ENSURE THAT UKRAINE RETAINS FREEDOM AND

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PROSPERITY FOR THE NEW GENERATIONS. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. THAT WAS REALLY INSPIRING. SO I THINK WE HEARD IN THE

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PREVIOUS SESSION MADAME SECRETARY TALK ABOUT SHOW UP AND

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ENGAGE. SO THE LAST QUESTION RELATES TO KIND OF THE YEAR OF ACTION THAT'S GOING TO FOLLOW THIS

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SUMMIT. SO THE GOAL IS FOR US TO REALLY THINK THROUGH SOME CONCRETE WAYS

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TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY THROUGH RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT. SO I THINK AMY, WE'RE GOING TO

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START WITH YOU. CAN YOU PROVIDE ANY KEY ASKS THAT YOU HAVE FROM GOVERNMENT

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AND BUSINESS FOR THE UPCOMING 2022 YEAR OF ACTION? >> SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT

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WE FOCUS INVESTMENTS IN THE AREAS THAT WE WANT TO SEE

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DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS. THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN OBVIOUS ASK, BUT IN REALITY WHAT'S HAPPENING IS IN A LOT OF HIGH GROWTH,

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INVESTMENT IS EITHER NOT COMING IN OR IT'S GOING INTO THE WRONG PLACES BECAUSE IT'S BASED ON

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WHETHER OR NOT THE COMPANY CAN PROVIDE SECURITY AND NOT BASED ON THE ESG OR SUSTAINABILITY

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CREDENTIALS. SO ONE OF THE CRITICAL THINGS IS SETTING GLOBAL STANDARD FOR

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SUSTAINABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MARKET BUSINESS PLAN FOR THE

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COMPANIES THAT ARE BEING INVESTED IN ACROSS THE WORLD. THIS WILL CREATE A NEW

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DEFINITION THAT ENABLES US TO INVEST IN COMPANIES THAT ARE GETTING RICH BY DOING THE

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CORRECT THING AND COMPANIES THAT OEFMZ WOULD BE BLOCKED OUT OF THE MARKET BECAUSE THESE ARE

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GOING TO BE INNOVATORS AND YOUNG COMPANIES. THESE ARE GOING TO BE INDIGENOUS

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COMPANIES THAT UNDERSTAND THE MARKET THAT ARE ABLE TO RAPIDLY GROW IN THE MARKET PUSHING OUT THESE NEW

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SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS IDEAS. >> THAT'S GREAT. I LOVE YOUR CRITERIA FOR BANKABILITY.

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THANK YOU FOR THAT. HOW ABOUT YOURSELF? >> IF WE LOOK AT WHERE UKRAINE

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IS TODAY, OUT OF THE 20 COUNTRIES IN OUR REGION, WE HAVE 13 THAT ARE CLASSIFIED AS FLAWED

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DEMOCRACIES. 8 IS HYBRID AND 7 IS AUTHORITARIAN. SO UKRAINE IS IN A GROUP IN THE

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HYBRID WITH OTHER COUNTRY. S AND THE WAY THAT WE HAVE TO

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WORK TOGETHER IS CLEARLY TO ENSURE THAT UKRAINE REMAINS DEMOCRATIC, PROSPEROUS AND FREE, THAT WE CONTINUE TO BE IN DIALOGUE, THAT WE CONTINUE TO

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ENHANCE AND LAUNCH MORE PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE RULE OF LAW, TO IMPROVE

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KEY INSTITUTIONS AND STATE-OWNED ENTERPRISE AND PROMOTE

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INNOVATION AND DIGITALIZATION. I'M VERY EXCITED ABOUT DIGITALIZATION BECAUSE DIGITALIZATION IS THE GREAT EQUALIZER.

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AND IN THE GOAL OF UKRAINE ERADICATING CORRUPTION,

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DIGITALIZATION PLAYS A VERY BIG ROLE. I'M SURE PEOPLE HAVE HEARD OF THE SLOGAN OF UKRAINE.

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IF WE LOOK AT THE RESULTS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THAT'S QUITE EXCITING WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

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WE SEE A 29-YEAR-OLD MINISTER OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION WHO

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REALLY HAS RISEN TO THE CHALLENGE HER REGISTERED ON THIS

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APP THEY HAVE LAUNCHED.

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THEY ARE ALSO PASSING A CITY LAW

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BUT THAT'S BASICALLY TO RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT I.T. AND DIGITALIZATION HAS BEEN SUCH A DRIVER OF GROWTH IN UKRAINE, THE

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NUMBER THREE EXPORT SECTOR, AN INDUSTRY THAT TRULY IS FULL OF

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THE NEW GENERATION AND GROWING

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FROM 110 MILLION TO 6 BILLION AND WITH PLANS TO GROW TO 17 BILLION. I THINK IT'S VERY EXCITING.

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ALL OF THESE EFFORTS TAKE DIALOGUE, PARTNERSHIP, ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN BUSINESS,

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BETWEEN GOVERNMENT. RULE OF LAW, OBVIOUSLY, IS

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FUNDMENT THE IN DEMOCRACIES. NOW I HAD THE PLEASURE OF

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MODERATING THE PROXIMATE MINI

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LAST JULY. AND RULE OF LAW WAS DESCRIBED AS THE MOTHER OF ALL REFORMS. AND IT TRULY IS.

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WE'RE WAITING VERY CLOSELY WE'RE ENGAGED WITH THE G7.

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BUT THERE'S A LONG WAY TO GO AND

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WE HAVE TO ENSURE WE'RE THERE PARTNERING IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE

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THAT ALL OF THESE ELEMENTS THAT THIS IS GOING TO CHANGE THAT FOLKS THE TO SEE HAPPEN.

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WE SET UP WITH THE PROSECUTOR'S GENERAL OFFICE. THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT.

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TO ESCALATE THESE KINDS OF CASES AND ADVOCATE FOR THESE CASES WHERE WE FEEL THAT INVESTOR

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RIGHTS HAVE BEEN TRAMPLED ON. THERE'S MUCH MORE THAT WE ARE KEEN TO DO AND TO DO TOGETHER IN

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ORDER TO FURTHER RULE OF LAW, UKRAINE'S INSTITUTIONS, AND MUCH MORE IN THE COUNTRY.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. I LOVE THAT YOU HIGHLIGHTED THE REEMPHASIZING OF THE RULE OF

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LAW. THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT. THANK YOU FOR THAT. NOW WE'RE GOING TO FINISH THIS

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QUESTION WITH YOU. I WOULD HOV TO HEAR YOUR PERSPECTIVE. >> THANK YOU. SO I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH MY

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FELLOW SPEAKERS ON THE PANEL.

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FOCUSING ON RULE OF LAW ARE IMPORTANT, BUT I WANTED TO FOCUS ON SOMETHING VERY SPECIFIC.

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THERE WAS SOME MENTION ABOUT ALIGNING ON FWOELS AND PRIORITIES. I THINK THAT ITGOALS AND

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PRIORITIES. I THINK THAT IT THERE NOODS TO BE AN AGREEMENT ON HOW WE MEASURE SUCCESS.

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I THINK THAT WE CAN DO THAT IF WE COME UP WITH A UNIFORM STANDARD OF ACCOUNTING FOR

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STAINABILITY SO THAT IF YOU NEED SYSTEMIC CHANGE, YOU NEED TO BE

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ABLE TO MEASURE YOUR SUCCESS AND FACTORING INTO FINANCIAL PERFORMANCES THE COSTS OF DOING

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BUSINESS UNSUSTAINABLY WILL MAKE BOARDS LOOK AT ESG VERY

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DIFFERENTLY AND BE MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN PERHAPS NOW WE'RE AT MAYBE A SIDE PROJECT. I THINK IF GOVERNMENTS CAN ENACT

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ONE ISSUE ON CREATING THIS UNIFORM STANDARD OF ACCOUNTING AROUND SUSTAINABILITY, THEN

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EVERYTHING ELSE WILL FOLLOW. >> THAT'S REALLY AMAZING.

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THANK YOU FOR THAT. I HAVE BEEN DOING MY OWN WORD CLOUD HERE. THE WORDS THAT EMERGE THAT HAVE

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COME UPMOSTLY ARE MOBILIZED, PARTNERSHIP, PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, DIALOGUE,

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SUSTAINABILITY. DR. IOWAMY, I'M GOING TO THROW IN BANKABILITY. I'M SUCH A HUGE FAN OF THE WAY

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YOU DESCRIBE D IT. SO I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR PARTICIPATING ON THIS PANEL.

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IT'S JUST SO GREAT TO BE AMONGST AMAZING INDIVIDUALS. I'M CALLING IN FROM BALTIMORE,

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BUT SEE YOU IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD.

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IT WAS REALLY GREAT. SO THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME.

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ANDREW, I'M GOING TO RETURN IT BACK TO YOU. I KNOW EVERY CONFERENCE FOLKS

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LOVE TO GET A COUPLE MINUTES BACK. SO HOPEFULLY I HAVE BEEN GENEROUS TO GIVE YOU BACK SOME TIME. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL.

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>> THANKS, EVERYBODY. THAT WAS A GREAT CONVERSATION. AND I REALLY ENGAGING AND I

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THINK WE ALL TOOK AWAY FROM THE PANEL THAT THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF CORPORATE CHAMPIONS. AND THERE IS A GROWING CONSENSUS AMONG THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND

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GOVERNMENTS, AND I WOULD SAY IN BOTH ADVANCED AND EMERGING

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MARKETS THAT RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENT IS SUSTAINABLE AND CRITICAL FOR BUILDING STRONGER DEMOCRACIES.

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WHAT'S GREAT HERE IS THAT WE'RE HEARING A THEME OF PUBLIC/PRIVATE DIALOGUE AS A KEY

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TO DRIVING MEASURABLE SUSTAINABLE GROWTH.

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I APPRECIATED THE COMMENT THAT THE RULE OF LAW IS THE MOTHER OF ALL INFOVESTMENTS AND REFORMS.

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NEXT UP WE'D LIKE TO TRANSITION INTO OUR SECOND TOPIC, WHICH IS ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY.

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AND THIS ANSWERS THE QUESTION, WHO REALLY OWNS THAT?

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WE KNOW THAT BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY IS A CRITICAL WAY TO REDUCE CORRUPTION, COMBAT AND ENSURE A

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FAIR AND OPEN COMPETITION FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

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AND WE APPLAUD THE PAIN STAKING WORK IN RECENT YEARS OF BILLING

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A CONSENSUS BETWEEN BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY ON THIS ISSUE. BUT A LOT MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE ON THE ISSUE.

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AND TO DIVE MORE DEEPLY, I'D

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LIKE TO WELCOME TERRY TO MODERATE OUR NEXT PANEL. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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AND AS HEAD RULE OF LAW DEVELOPMENT, I WORK EVERY DAY TO

3:56:08

SUPPORT THE COMPANY'S CORE MISSION AND VISION TO ADVANCE THE RULE OF LAW AROUND THE WORLD.

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WE KNOW THROUGH DATA THAT WHEN THE RULE OF LAW IS STRONG IN

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COUNTRIES, OTHER SOCIOECONOMIC BENEFITS TO THE COUNTRY ARE ALSO STRONG. SO WE KNOW THAT GDP AND LIFE

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EXPECTANCY RISE,. WE ALSO KNOW THAT IT CHILD MORTALITY AND CORRUPTION DECREASE. IN OUR DISCUSSION, THE PANEL

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WILL DISCUSS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY, WHICH IN ITS SIMPLEST FORM IS HOW BUSINESSES CAN WORK TO MAKE

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TRANSPARENT WHO OWNS AND CONTROLS THE BUSINESS. IN FACT, TRANSPARENCY IS ONE OF

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THE FOUR KEY ELEMENTS OF THE RULE OF LAW. AT THE SAME TIME, THE TOPIC IS

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AN IMPORTANT BALANCING TEST. WITH GREAT REWARDS TO BOTH BUSINESS AND TO THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY ARE NAVIGATED WELL.

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COMPANIES GENERATE RICH DATA AND

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SHARING OF DATA CAN BE BALANCED AND MUST BE BALANCED WITH PRIVACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THESE QUESTIONS NOW AS THE GLOBAL

3:57:13

PANDEMIC HAS HIGHLIGHTED AND UNDERScoreD THE NEED FOR A DIGITAL SOCIETY AND DATA.

3:57:21

AND WE HAVE THREE WONDERFUL EXPERTS TO HELP US NAVIGATE BOTH

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THOSE QUESTIONS AND THOSE ANSWERS. I BRING TO YOU TODAY LO LOLA ADEKANYE, WHO IS THE ETHICS

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FIRST LEAD AND HANDLES ANTICORRUPTION, COMPLIANCE,

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OVERSEEING RISK MANAGEMENT AND DUE DILIGENCE. SHE'S BASED IN NIGERIA AND SHE SUPPORTS EFFORTS IN A DOZEN

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AFRICAN COUNTRIES. ALSO JOINING US TODAY IS CHRISTINA TEE, WHO IS CEO OF

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CAPE. CRHRISTINA SERVES AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE MALATION INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY AND SHE'S

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ALSO BEEN NEWLY ELECTED HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER. AND ALSO WE BRING MELINA CRUZ,

3:58:21

THE FOUNDER AND CEO OF HOMELY, A HOME CLEANING SERVICES COMPANY BASED IN MEXICO WITH A WORKFORCE OF OVER 1,000 BRINGING A MOSTLY

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FEMALE WORKFORCE FROM THE INFORMAL TO THE FORMAL WORK SECTOR.

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SO I WOULD LIKE TO START WITH LOLA. FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE, WORKING IN A DOZEN COUNTRIES AROUND

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AFRICA, WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP MAKE TO HOW

3:58:47

BUSINESS FUNCTIONS IN A DEMOCRACY? >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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IT IS INDEED AN HONOR TO BE HERE. I DO WANT TO SAY FIRST THAT IT'S

3:59:00

SUCH AN ENCOURAGEMENT FROM OUR STANDPOINT, WHICH IS THE CENTER

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FOR NATIONAL PRIVATE ENTERPRISE, TO BE TALKING ABOUT BUSINESS

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COMMUNITIES RESPONSIBILITY FOR

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STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY. ONE OF THE THINGS WE DON'T DO ENOUGH IN THE CIVIL SOCIETY WORLD IS WE DON'T EMPHASIZE THE

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MARKET VALUES UPON WHICH BENEFICIAL TRANSPARENCY IS

3:59:29

HINGED. AND DEMOCRATIC IDEALS. AND I'M GLAD WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THAT A LOT IN THE PREVIOUS

3:59:37

PANELS. WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT'S THE KIND OF REFUND THAT OFFERS MANY

3:59:46

SOCIETIES FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, FOR THE GOVERNMENT SHS FOR CITIZENS AND FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

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AND THAT'S BECAUSE IT HELPS GOVERNMENTS PROVIDE CONDITIONS THAT BUSINESS LEADERS ALL OVER

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THE WORLD AND ESPECIALLY IN LOW INCOME HIGH GROWTH COUNTRIES

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WHERE INSTITUTIONS ARE WEAK, AND

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JUST TO PICK ON THREE MAJOR CONDITIONS THAT WOULD BE IDEAL THAT ALIGNS WITH DEMOCRATIC

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IDEALS, BUT ALSO ENABLES MARKETS TO TRY. ONE OF THEM IS FAIR COMPETITION.

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WE HEARD THE LAST PANEL TALK ABOUT THAT A LOT. IN THE INDUSTRY WE WILL SAY BUSINESSES NEED A LEVEL PLAYING

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FIELD.

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TO DRILL DOWN FURTHER WITH BENEFICIAL TRANSPARENCY, A COMPANY CAN KNOW WHO THEY ARE TRANSACTING WITH.

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YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD OF CERTAIN CORRUPTION SCANDALS IN AFRICA AND COUNTRIES LIKE NIGERIA.

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THEY ARE CALLED BUDGETS. WHAT THAT MEANS IS COMPANIES MAY

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NOT KNOW WHO IS FOR BIDDING FOR

4:01:01

PUBLIC PROJECTS, WHO SUBMITS TEN DORS. BECAUSE THE OWNERS OF CERTAIN COMPANIES MIGHT BE THE SAME PEOPLE AND THEY MIGHT BE BIDDING FOR PUBLIC TEN DORS AND MAYBE

4:01:09

THE ONES WHO ALWAYS HAVE BEEN TS TENDERS, BUT THE NAMES OF THE COMPANIES ARE DIFFERENT. SO WITHOUT A LEVEL PLAYING

4:01:15

FIELD, BUSINESSES ARE DISADVANTAGES, ESPECIALLY SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WOULD NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO CONDUCT DUE

4:01:21

DILIGENCE AND THE KIND OF INVESTIGATIONS THAT LARGER COMPANIES CAN.

4:01:26

THE SECOND THING IS ACCOUNTABILITY IN THE BUSINESSEN COMMUNITY. I THINK ONE OF THE BIGGEST

4:01:34

OBSTACLES FOR CORRUPTION AND REDUCING FINANCIAL FLAWS GLOBALLY IS IMPUNITY WHEN

4:01:41

BUSCOMPANIES AND BUSINESS OWNER AND GOVERNMENTS CAN EVADE SANCTIONS OR PENALTIES, I THINK

4:01:47

IT SENDS A VERY, VERY DANGEROUS MESSAGE BECAUSE THEN IT CREATES MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR

4:01:54

CORRUPTION, BUT AT THE PSALM TIME, IT'S FACTUALLY DETRIMENTAL TO BUSINESSSS BECAUSE OR TO THE

4:02:00

BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT BECAUSE AT THE END OF THE DAY, IN MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES, COMPLYING AND

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DOING BUSINESS WITH INTEGRITY CAN ACTUALLY BE FACTUALLY

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DEBTMENT THE TO BUSINESSES. AND THEN THE FINAL THING REALLY IS TRANSPARENCY.

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AND THAT'S KIND OF VERY OBVIOUS ONE.

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COSTS GO UP FOR LARGE AND SMALL BUSINESSES ALIKE. MANY COMPANIES ARE WORRIED NOW BECAUSE OF THE RECENT REPORT THAT CAME OUT JUST THIS WEEK ON

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MONDAY. IT'S THE FINANCIAL ACTIONS TASK FORCE AND THIS IS THE THOUGHT IT

4:02:40

LEADER ORGANIZATION, MITIGATING, MONEY LAUNDERING OR HELPING

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INDUSTRIES FOR FIRST BASING ACTIVITY. AND THE REPORT POINTED OUT THAT

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IN THE WEST AFRICAN REGION, THE NIGERIAN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

4:02:56

FACILITATED REVENUE FLOWS UP \$36 MILLION ANNUALLY TO THE LARGEST

4:03:03

TERRORIST NETWORK IN THE REGION. SO WITH BENEFICIAL TRANSPARENCY, INDUSTRY EXPERTS, COMPLIANCE

4:03:09

PROFESSIONALS AND BUSINESSES, THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO ADDRESS THESE

4:03:15

CHALLENGES, ESPECIALLY WHERE YOU SEE 88.6 BILLION DOLLARS BEING

4:03:22

FUNNELED OUT OF AFRICA THROUGH FINANCIAL FLAWS. WHICH ALL THESE TO MORE THAN THE

4:03:31

GDP OF ALL BUT SEVEN COUNTRIES IN AFRICA.

4:03:36

SO WITH THOSE THREE POINTS, AND THERE'S SO MUCH MORE WE CAN TALK ABOUT, BENEFICIAL TRANSPARENCY

4:03:43

IS CRITICAL AND SIGNIFICANTLY ESSENTIAL FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR. BUT WE HAVEN'T YET STARTED PUT

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ING THESE IN TERMS THAT THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD ALIGN WITH US ON. THAT'S WHERE WE ARE UNIQUELY

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POSITIONED TO DISCUSS AND TO WORK WITH THESE CIVIL SOCIETY O.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, LOLA. CHRISTINA, WHEN MAHMOULAYSIA EN

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ED THE 2016, WHAT CHANGED?

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>> BENEFICIAL TRANSPARENCY

4:04:29

COMPANY, FOR START, GLOBAL BUSINESS SECTOR, ESPECIALLY

4:04:36

PRIVATE, FAILED TO MEET THE

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REQUIREMENT MAY RESULT IN OF NOT MILLIONS OF BOTH.

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SO FOR POST ADOPTION, THE COMPANY RECEIVED VERY POSITIVE

4:04:59

OBJECTIVE TO IMPROVE THE REGULATIONS IN OUR CORPORATE

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GOVERNANCE AND TO ENSURE OUR CORPORATE ECOSYSTEM IS FREE FROM

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ELICIT ACTIVITIES. IT HELPS TO FINANCE AND OTHER

4:05:19

SERIOUS FINANCE CLIENTS. FOR OUR NATION, I THINK

4:05:26

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY IS HELPS.

4:05:31

TO SHINE A LIGHT ON THE SECRET CORPORATE STRUCTURES THAT CAN BE

4:05:38

EXPLOITED TO LAUNDER THE PROCESS OF CORRUPTION, OF INTEREST, IN

4:05:49

DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT CONTRACT AND TAX.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, CHRISTINA. SO WE HEARD THE NEED FOR

4:06:01

BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY AND PRACTICALITY FROM CHRISTINA. SO CAN YOU WALK US THROUGH WITH

4:06:07

YOUR EXPERIENCE IN MEXICO DEVELOPING AND BUILDING A HOME CLEANING SERVICE BUSINESS THAT'S

4:06:13

QUITE LABOR INTENSIVE DEPENDENT ON GOVERNMENT PERMITS. HOW DOES OWNERSHIP TRANSLATE INTO YOUR WORLD?

4:06:22

>> THANK YOU, IT'S AN HONOR TO BE PART OF THE PANEL. AND I'M GOING TO TRY TO BE CRISP ABOUT THE ANSWER.

4:06:35

THERE'S TWO THINGS. WHEN WE LAUNCHED THE COMPANY, THERE WERE NO REGULATIONS FOR

4:06:40

DOMESTIC WORKERS. SO THEY HAVE NOT SIGNED YET THE

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RULE THAT PROVIDES ACCESS.

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AND THE SECOND ONE IS AS YOU WERE MENTIONING, IT'S PRETTY HARD FOR US AS AN MEXICAN ENTITY

4:07:00

TO BE FACED WITH CORRUPTION WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE CONTRACTUAL SERVICES. SO TENDERS AND CONTRACTS WERE

4:07:06

NOT ALWAYS AS SIGNED IN THE BEST WAY.

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SO THERE'S TWO WAYS OF WATCHING THESE. WHERE ONE SIDE WE HAVE NO

4:07:19

REGULATION IN HOW TO GUARANTEE LEGAL RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE. AND ON THE OTHER SIDE, THERE WERE ALSO NO REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO AVOID THESE ISSUES WHEN

4:07:25

YOU ARE HAVING OR FIGHTING FOR A CONTRACT WHEN YOU'RE IN MEXICO.

4:07:31

BUT SOMETHING WE HAVE TO REALLY MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW IS THAT

4:07:38

THANKS TO THE PANDEMIC AND MORE REGULATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN GOING THROUGH THE COUNTRY, THAT HAS BEEN CHANGING A LITTLE

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BILLIONTH.

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WE HAVE A LIST WHERE WE CAN BE PLAYING MORE FAIR WAY AND BE PROVIDING THESE RIGHTS FOR

4:08:03

CLEANERS AND ON THE OTHER SIDE, IT'S PRETTY IRONIC THAT THE

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CLEANING INDUSTRY WAS SOMEHOW DIRTY AND GOVERNMENT NEEDED TO COME INTO AND HAVE SOME

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REGULATIONS THAT HELP US IN ORDER TO HAVE MORE FAIR WAY TO BE ABLE TO GAIN THIS CONTRACT OR

4:08:25

IS HAVE ACCESS TO THESE TENDERS. SO IT'S BEEN HARD. BUT I THINK IT'S PART OF THE EVOLUTION WE ARE SOMEHOW LIVING

4:08:30

IN MEXICO OF GOVERNMENT BEING MORE ABLE IN IMPLEMENTING MORE REGULATIONS IN ORDER TO

4:08:36

GUARANTEE THAT WE HAVE A MORE DEMOCRATIC PLAYGROUND WHERE IT'S EASIER FOR COMPANIES TO BE ABLE

4:08:45

TO GROW AND FOR CITIZENS TO BE ABLE TO GET INCLUDED. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. SO TURNING TO THAT BUSINESS

4:08:51

ROLE, I'D LIKE TO EXPLORE HOW BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSFORMS AND IS USED WITHIN THE BUSINESS

4:08:58

ITSELF. YOU WORK WITHIN SITE AND HELP

4:09:04

BUSINESS LEADERS UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF TRANSPARENCY. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE REASONS

4:09:10

BUSINESSES MIGHT BE AWE FRAD OF THIS TRANSPARENCY?

4:09:17

>> THANK YOU. THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION THAT WE WILL BE DISCUSSING AT

4:09:24

THE CONFERENCE THAT ENDS TODAY. THE TRUTH IS RIGHT NOW THE EFFORTS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT

4:09:32

TRANSPARENCY REFORMS IS PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY THE

4:09:39

ORGANIZATIONS. THE MOTIVATIONS FOR THAT ALIGN WITH THE ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS OF CIVIL SOCIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS

4:09:46

AROUND STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY OR HUMAN RIGHTS.

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WHAT YOU MIGHT CALL CAUSES IN A SENSE, BUSINESSES HAVE A PRIMARY

4:10:01

MOTIVATION. AND IT'S MAKING PROFIT.

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A LINE FOR THOSE BUSINESS MOTIVATIONS TO MAKE PROFIT WITH

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THE MOTIVATIONS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY BUILD AND CLEAN ECOSL

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LIKE PREVIOUS PANELISTS TALK ABOUT.

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AND HAVEN'T YET BEEN DISCUSSED. I WILL HIGHLIGHT THREE OF THEM

4:10:47

THAT WE'RE HEARING FROM ACROSS THE REGION. I BELIEVE THIS MIGHT BE RELEVANT IN OTHER EMERGING ECONOMIES.

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ONE OF THEM IS THE COMPLIANCE BURDEN.

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AND THERE ARE OH COLT PLEXTIES

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AS WELL, BUT BUSINESSES HAVE QUITE A CERTAIN LEVEL OF COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO

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DRILL DOWN A BIT FURTHER THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT ARE QUITE

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DRACONIAN AND INEFFICIENT. SO IT'S HARD ENOUGH TO GET A LICENSE, AS WE WERE JUST HAEARIG

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IN KENYA IN SIX MONTHS TO A YEAR, AND ADD TO THAT, THE REQUIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH

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BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY REFORMS THAT COMES WITH THE BENEFICIAL TO REGISTER

4:11:35

TO REQUIRE COMPANIES TO KEEP UP-TO-DATE. SO THE COMPLIANCE BURDEN IS ONE

4:11:43

THAT BUSINESSES ARE WORRIED A ABOUT. THE OTHER CHALLENGE THAT BUSINESSSS HAVE RAISED IS THAT TRANSPARENCY IN SOME

4:11:49

JURISDICTIONS CAN ACTUALLY BE A RISK TO BUSINESSES AND THIS IS THE CASE IN AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES OR COUNTRIES WHERE THE

4:11:56

INSTITUTIONS ARE WEAK OR KRUPS CORRUPT OR IMMUNITY EXISTS.

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THEN THE FINAL MAJOR RECURRING CHALLENGE FOR BOTH BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENTS IS A LACK OF RESOURCES.

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THEY DON'T REALLY HAVE THE SOURCES TO REGISTERS AND MAKE

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SURE THEY ARE EFFECTIVE. I THINK ONE OF THE CONNECTING ISSUES TO THAT IS THE FACT THAT

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THE COORDINATION FOR MANY BASIC

4:12:28

POLICY REQUIREMENTS AREN'T EVEN THERE. SO THIS IS ANOTHER BURDEN FOR BOTH BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY BIT

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BUSINESSES THAT ARE SMALL AND MID-SIZED DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCE TO COMPLY WITH ALREADY

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EXISTING REGULATIONS. REQUIRING 24E78 TO COMPLY.

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THAT SAID THESE ARE THINGS THAT CAN BE OVERCOME AND TO EVEN LEARN ABOUT THIS CHALLENGE NOW

4:13:02

SO WE CAN START TO WORK WITH CIVIL SOCIETY TO OVERCOME THIS CHALLENGE WITH TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATIONS, WE CAN HELP THE PUBLIC SECTOR DEVELOP THE KIND

4:13:07

OF FUEFFICIENCY FOR TRANSPARENC

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IMPLEMENTABLE AND EFFECTIVE. >> I HEARD COMPLIANCE BURDENS, RISK TO BUSINESS AND A LACK OF

4:13:19

RESOURCES. LET'S FLIP THE COIN TO THE OTHER SIDE. CHRISTINA, TURNING TO YOU, YOU SERVE AS THE HEAD OF A LARGE

4:13:25

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. CAN YOU TELL US WHETHER YOU THINK THAT BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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TRANSPARENCY IS ACTUALLY MAKING YOUR COUNTRY MORE COMPETITIVE. IF SO, HOW?

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>> THE ANSWER IS YES. OUR COMPANIES COMMISSIONER OF A

4:13:46

LAY YA HAS ENFORCED THE COMPANY.

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SO THE TRANSPARENCY, IT'S IN A FIGHT AGAINST THE CORRUPTION.

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IT'S ALSO A VALUE FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE ACCOUNT AND

4:14:22

TRANSPARENCY OF OUR ECOSYSTEM. SO MOST SIGNIFICANCE RESULTS

4:14:29

AFTER OUR FIVE YEARS, BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY, IT'S FOR

4:14:38

THE TOPGS.

4:14:45

IT'S REGIONAL HUB FOR SERVICE IN THE LAST TICKET. WE GROW THE FINANCE SERVICES

4:14:52

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY.

4:15:04

>> THE LAUNCH IN FEBRUARY IS EXPECTED TO BE IN THE FIRST TWO

4:15:10

POSITIONS.

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AND THE SECOND IS IN ASIA.

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TO BE TRANSPARENT, IT HAD ACTUALLY HIT OUR COUNTRY MORE

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COMPETITIVELY GLOBAL.

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>> TURNING TO YOU, WHAT IS BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY MEANT SPECIFICALLY

4:15:50

FOR YOUR OWN COMPANY? >> IT'S A PRETTY INTERESTING

4:15:55

QUESTION. WE TRIED TO DO THINGS DIFFERENT AT HOME. SO WE ARE IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN THE

4:16:04

BASE. WE'RE GIVING THEM FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND PROVIDING THEM

4:16:09

SOMETHING WITH ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE. WHEN CH WE BELIEVE IS A MAIN COMPONENT.

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BY DOING SO, WE'RE INCREASING TRANSPARENCIEN THE BUSINESS SIDE. SO EVERY TIME WE GET THE CHANCE

4:16:33

TO GO TO A POTENTIAL CLIENT, PERHAPS WE ARE THE SMALL PLAYERS IN THE TABLE. SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO FACE

4:16:40

COMPETITORS OF TENDERS WHO ARE COMPANIES THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE MARKET FOR LET'S SAY 20 YEARS

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AGO BUT THEY ARE NOT ACTUALLY FOLLOWING THE RULES OR THE

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REGULATIONS NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS IMPLEMENTED OR PRIOR WAS EVEN HARDER.

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SO I THINK BY BEING THE SMALL PLAYERS, BUT AGAIN BY BEING THE

4:17:07

PLAYERS THAT ARE PUTTING THESE ISSUES IN THE TABLE, WE ARE

4:17:15

DOING THE WHOLE ASPECT OF WINNING A CONTRACT IN THE

4:17:20

CLEANING SERVICE.

4:17:26

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE SAYING -

4:17:35

YOU CUT OUT. >> I THINK YOU CAN HEAR ME NOW, RIGHT? >> YES. >> GREAT, SORRY ABOUT THAT. AS I WAS TELLING YOU, FOR US, IT

4:17:42

WOULD MEAN A MORE EQUAL PLAYGROUND FOR COMPANIES TO BE

4:17:47

PROVIDING SERVICES AND IN THE END THAT IS A WAY TO ENHANCE GROWTH FOR EVERY COMPANY IN OUR INDUSTRY.

4:17:53

WE'RE TRYING TO DO SO EVEN THOUGH WE'RE THE SMALL PLAYER IN

4:17:59

THE INDUSTRY BY ALWAYS BEING TRANSPARENT ON THE EFFORTS WE ARE DOING. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH.

4:18:05

SO BASICALLY, TRANSPARENCY IS LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD NOT

4:18:10

JUST FOR YOUR BUSINESSES, BUT FOR OTHERS THAT ARE STARTING OUT AND TRYING TO MAKE THEIR MARK IN THE WORLD. SO IN A LIGHTNING ROUND, I'D LOVE TO COME BACK TO EACH ONE OF

4:18:19

YOU QUICKLY AND GIVE YOUR CALL TO ACTION TO OTHER BUSINESSES WHO MIGHT NOT BE KNOWLEDGEABLE YET ON BENEFICIAL OWNER SSHIP

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TRANSPARENCY, BUT COULD BE. SO LET'S START WITH YOU, CHRISTINA. WHAT'S YOUR CALL TO AXZ.

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>> I THINK THE DEMOCRACY WE'RE TALKING HERE FOR THE TRANSPARENCY IS WE WOULD LIKE

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DEMOCRACY BEING MORE EFFECTIVE

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IN WHAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT. AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS WOULD LIKE TO SAY THE ONLY REAL

4:18:57

REASON IS FEAR. AND THE ONLY REAL FREEDOM IS THE

4:19:03

FREEDOM FROM FIERCE. SO I THINK LET'S MOVE FORWARD

4:19:12

AND TO BUILD TRUST AMONG THE BUSINESSES IS TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING ON DIGITALIZATION

4:19:20

NOW. IF WE CANNOT BUILD TRUST, I THINK IT A LOT OF BUSINESS

4:19:26

CANNOT BE DONE ACCORDINGLY.

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>> AS BUSINESS OWNERS, THE FIRST IS BE ABLE TO HAVE COLLABORATION

4:19:43

WITH GOVERNMENT TO IT DELIVER PROPER REGULATION TO HELP A BETTER DEMOCRATIC STATE.

4:19:48

THE SECOND IS FOCUS ON THE PEOPLE. SO THERE'S PEOPLE BEHIND THOSE

4:19:55

COMPANIES, THE SUPPLIERS, CUSTOMERS, SERVICE PROVIDERS SHS SO WE SHOULD BE LEVERAGING ON

4:20:03

THE KNOWLEDGE AND BRINGING EVERYONE TO THE TABLE OF DEMOCRACY. BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THAT WE CAN HAVE A HEALTHY SOCIETY

4:20:12

AND CURRENTLY THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE IMPROVING EVERYONE'S LIFE IN A DEMOCRATIC STATE IFs.

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>> BRILLIANT. THANK YOU. WHAT'S YOUR CALL TO ACTION?

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>> I HAVE JUST ONE CALL TO ACTION. GIVEN THIS CALL FROM THE

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PERSPECTIVE OF ONE WHO WORKS IN THE AFRICAN REGION WHO THE

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INSTITUTIONS REALLY DO NIED THE SUPPORT THE SUPPORT OF PRIVATE SECTOR TO BE STRENGTHED,
IT'S

4:20:45

SIMPLY THIS. DON'T WAIT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO ACT DON'T WAIT FOR THE

4:20:51

GOVERNMENT TO SET GLOBAL STANDARDS OR FIX THE DEMOCRATIC NORMS AND STANDARDS THAT
YOU

4:20:56

WANT TO SEE. START WORKING IN YOUR INDUSTRY AND WITH OTHER COMPANIES IN YOUR

4:21:03

SECTOR. JUST LIKE WAS SAID IN THE LAST PANEL, PRIVATE SECTOR DOES HAVE TO CHANGE THE
PARADIGM OF HOW

4:21:09

THINGS ARE DONE AND THEN ENCOURAGE AND ENABLE THE

4:21:16

GOVERNMENT TO STEP UP. SO IN ALL OF OF THE COUNTRIES WHERE WE WORK, IF WE WANT STABLE
DEMOCRACIES AND MORE TRANSPARENCY, MORE

4:21:22

ACCOUNTABILITY, DON'T WAIT FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO SET THE REGULATORY STANDARDS.

4:21:27

WE JUST TALKED ABOUT SELF-REGULATION. EVERY BUSINESS SHOULD HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO FIX
THE WAY

4:21:34

THEY OPERATE, JUST LIKE WE HEARD FROM ALL THE OTHER PANELISTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES DURING
THE LAST CALL. AND TRY TO GET MORE BUSINESSES

4:21:41

TO THINK LIKE THEM. I LIKE WHAT THE MODERATOR ASKED.

4:21:47

HOW CAN WE MAKE MORE BUSINESS LEADERS LIKE YOU. THAT'S WHAT WE NEED. THE MORE BUSINESS LEADERS WE CAN HAVE IN OUR DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

4:21:53

WHO WILL UPHOLD DEMOCRATIC NORMS AND VALUES, THE BETTER WE'LL BE

4:21:58

GOING FORWARD. I THINK WE'RE ON THAT PATH NOW. >> WONDERFUL.

4:22:03

I THANK ALL OF YOUR OUR PANELISTS FOR YOUR WONDERFUL

4:22:09

DISCUSSION WITH TALKED ABOUT FEAR. WE TALKED ABOUT RISK. WE TALKED ABOUT A LACK OF RESOURCES. BUT WE HAVE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE POSITIVE SIDE.

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ABOUT HOW BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY CAN TRANSFORM A BUSINESS INDIVIDUALLY AND ALSO

4:22:21

AN INDUSTRY AND A COUNTRY. WE HAVE AN ADAGE THAT WE SAY IN

4:22:27

MY OWN COMPANY, WHICH IS THAT THESE EFFORTS ARE NOT ONLY THE

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RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT THEY ARE GOOD FOR BUSINESS. SO ON THAT MESSAGE OF HOPE, I TUSH IT BACK TO YOU, ANDREW, FOR THE NEXT PANEL.

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>> THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR PANELISTS FOR THAT FASCINATING DISCUSSION. WHILE WE KNOW THE HURDLES FOR

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BUSINESS FOR ADOPTION OF O OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENT SIT ARE PRESENT, IT WAS HEARTENING TO

4:22:53

HEAR THAT THE BENEFITS ARE CLEAR. AND I THINK ULTIMATE THAT'S A

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GOOD NEWS STORY. WE KNOW MOVING FORWARD, THE PRIVATE SECTOR GOVERNMENT AND

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CIVIL SOCIETY CONTINUE THIS WORK OF ADVANCING BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY SO FROM INVESTORS TO ENTREPRENEURS TO

4:23:10

POLICYMAKERS AND TO DTHS CITIZENS AT LARGE, WE ALL BENEFIT FROM THE BUSINESS WHEN

4:23:15

BUSINESS COMPETES ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE. NOW REFLECT ING SOME OF THE

4:23:23

COMMENTS WE HEARD IN OUR OPENING FIRESIDE CHAT WITH THE SECRETARY THIS MORNING, OUR THIRD AND FINAL PANEL TODAY WILL LOOK AT

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THE NEXT CHAPTER IN BOTH GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. AND THAT'S RIGHTS IN GOVERNANCE IN THE DIGITAL

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INCREASINGLY, IT WILL BRING A WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITIES BUT MUST BE CAREFULLY NAVIGATED.

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AT SITE, WE BRING A INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY MARKED BY

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INCLUSIVELY AS WELL AS INTERNET TO BRING FLOW OF IDEAS AND CIVIC ACT

4:24:03

ACTIVISM, BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE KNOW IT MUST BE BALANCED BY THE EFFORTS TO PROTECT PRIVACY AND SECURITY AND PROTECT AGAINST

4:24:09

DIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE

4:24:15

ONLINE. THIS IS THE CHALLENGE TO INQUIRE THE GOVERNANCE AND ENTERPRISE

4:24:21

AND SOCIETY GLOBALLY. TO EXPLORE THIS TOPIC FURTHER, WE WILL TURN IT OVER TO CEO AND

4:24:27

FOUNDER OF GCE RISK ADVISORY AND AUTHOR OF THE BOOK "GLOOM TO BLOOM" OF HOW LEADERS TRANSFORM

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RISK TO RESILIENCE OF HOW WE TRANSFORM TO A OPEN RESILIENCE

4:24:40

SPACE. ANDREA, OVER TO YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ANDREW,

4:24:45

AND THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME HERE, BECAUSE IT IS AN HONOR OF A LIFETIME TO BE HERE ON THE

4:24:51

PROGRAM, AND TO BE WITH THIS

4:24:56

PANEL WITH THESE COPANELISTS AND THE THOUGHTS OF WHAT WE WILL DO. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO

4:25:02

WELCOME REBECCA ENNONCHONG WHO IS THE CEO AND COO OF A COMPANY

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IN CAMEROON AND EXPERT IN eCOMMERCE AND MANY RELATED

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DIGITAL ACTIVITIES THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR AN OPEN AND RESILIENCE DIGITAL SPACE.

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SECONDLY, I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME IN SIMOUN UNWHO IS AN

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EXPERT OF APPSTECH AND THE FOUNDING PARTNER AND CEO OF THE

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COMPANY WHO HELPED TO FOUND

4:26:01

CLOUDPAY AND MICHELLE ZAITLYN WHO IS VERY INVOLVED WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AS WE HAVE HEARD A

4:26:07

NUMBER OF THE CO-PANELISTS OVER THE LAST HOUR AND A HALF. I'M ANDREA BONINE BLANC AND

4:26:14

FOUNDER OF A COMPANY CALLED THE GEC RISK ADVISORY WHERE I HELP

4:26:22

BOARDS AND MANAGEMENT IN A CROSS SECTOR KIND OF WAY ABOUT GEC

4:26:27

ISSUES AND VERY HAPPY TO HEAR THE PEOPLE TALK ABOUT CYBER RESILIENCE AND TECH ETHICS AND A

4:26:33

FEW THINGS, BUT I WANTED TO TAKE

4:26:39

A NOTE OF PASSION OF WHY I AM HERE AND SO GRATEFUL TO BE HERE. I GREW UP IN THE PRE-DIGITAL ERA

4:26:45

AND BEFORE DIGITAL OPENED AND RESILIENCE SPACE WAS A CONCEPT. I GREW UP IN POST WORLD WAR II

4:26:52

GERMANY IN FRANCO, SPAIN, AND SO I AM VERY FAMILIAR WITH THE AUTHORITARIANISM AND THE

4:26:57

BUILDING OF DEMOCRACY AND I WROTE MY Ph.D. ON SPAIN'S TRANSITION TO DEMOCRACY AND HERE

4:27:04

WE ARE FAST FORWARDING TODAY TO WHERE WE HAVE TECH DISRUPTION, AND DIGITAL DISRUPTION AT THE

4:27:09

SPEED OF LIGHT. THIS HAS UPENDED EVERYTHING. SO FOR ME, MY PASSION FOR THE

4:27:16

RESILIENT AND OPEN DEMOCRACY NOW TRANSLATES INTO DIGITAL AND TECH SPACE. AND YOU KNOW, SORT OF THE MIXED

4:27:23

MESSAGE, BUT I THINK IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. I'D LIKE TO QUOTE CHURCHILL WHO

4:27:29

SAID THAT MANY EONS AGO THAT DEMOCRACY IS THE WORST FORM OF POLITICAL SYSTEM EXCEPT FOR ALL

4:27:34

OF THE OTHERS. SO I THINK THAT WE NEED TO APPLY THE LENSES. IT IS NOT A BAD NEWS STORY, BUT

4:27:40

IT IS A DIFFICULT STORY THAT WE HAVE BUILDING OPEN AND RESILIENT

4:27:45

DIGITAL SPACES. SO WITH THAT, I WANTED TO FOR ONE MINUTE TO GIVE YOU A SENSE OF WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

4:27:51

TODAY. AS EVERYBODY KNOWS THE EXPLOSION OF DIGITAL INFORMATION IS BEYOND ANYTHING THAT IS BELIEVABLE.

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THERE ARE 4.5 BILLION USERS OF SOCIAL MEDIA AROUND THE WORLD

4:28:03

TODAY. THAT IS MORE THAN HALF OF THE WORLD. THERE ARE 150,000 FACEBOOK

4:28:08

MESSAGES POSTED EVERY 60 SECONDS. THERE ARE 500 HOURS OF YOUTUBE

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POSTED EVERY 60 SECONDS. THERE ARE 41 MILLION MESSAGES ON

4:28:21

WHATSAPP POSTED EVERY 60 SECOND, AND WE ARE ONLY TALKING ABOUT THE SOCIAL DIGITAL SPACE.

4:28:26

THE SOCIAL MEDIA DIGITAL SPACE. THERE IS A TON OF OTHER DATA AND DIGITAL INFORMATION THAT IS

4:28:33

FLOATING THROUGH SPACE AND THE VIRTUAL SPACE AND OTHERWISE ON A REGULAR BASIS.

4:28:38

SO WHAT WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT IS SORT OF THE BALANCE OF THE TREMENDOUS VALUE THAT DATA HAS

4:28:44

TO PRIVATE FUNDS AND GOVERNMENTS WITH THE RISK OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CONCERNS ABOUT TRANSPARENCY.

4:28:50

SO DOES GOVERNMENT ACCESS HELD DATA AND DO PRIVATE INTERESTS

4:28:57

USE AND ABUSE DATA, AND DOES DATA FALL INTO THE CRIMINAL HANDS -- AND ALL OF THE ABOVE IS

4:29:03

HAPPENING. SO TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE OPEN AND TRANSPARENT USE OF DATA, WE

4:29:08

NEED TO BUILD THE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORKS AND THE TRADE AND

4:29:14

ECONOMIC DIGITAL WORLD, AND ALSO A FINAL ROUND TODAY OF QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT ARE THE KEY TAKEAWAYS

4:29:20

OF THE OPEN AND RESILIENT DIGITAL SPACE IN 2022 FOR THE

4:29:25

DIGITAL AGENDA OF 2022. SO WITH THAT SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO START WITH MY FIRST QUESTION.

4:29:31

WE ARE GOING TO DO THE ROUND ROBIN, AND SO EACH PERSON WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO RESPOND TO THE

4:29:37

NEXT QUESTION. WHAT I WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO THINK ABOUT IS HOW DO YOU DEFINE

4:29:42

AN OPEN AND RESILIENT DIGITAL SPACE. DOES IT DIFFER FROM WHAT YOU SEE

4:29:47

TODAY? IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT IS THE WORK THAT WE NEED TO DO, AND IF SO, HOW DO WE DO THAT?

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SO I WANT TO START WITH SIMOUN, AND SHARE YOUR PERSPECTIVE FROM

4:29:57

PHILIPPINES AND SOUTHEAST ASIA OF HOW THEY DEFINE SPACES AND

4:30:03

IMPROVE THOSE SPACES. >> THANK YOU, ANDREA. FOR ME, AN OPEN DIGITAL SPACE IN

4:30:08

THE PHILIPPINE CONTEXT AND CERTAINLY MOST OTHER DEVELOPING ECONOMIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

4:30:14

CANNOT BE NARROWLY DEFINED BASED ON THE MERE AVAILABILITY.

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IT HAS TO BE ACCESS AS WELL. IT HAS TO REQUIRE ACCESS TO OPEN

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DEVICES AND INTERNET. SO IT HAS TO BE INTERNET AND

4:30:33

ACCESS TO THE ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGED SO THEY DON'T FALL

4:30:38

FURTHER BEHIND TO THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS DUE TO

4:30:44

COVID, THE CENTRAL BANKING

4:30:50

BANDED TOGETHER TO MAKE THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT CHANNELS FREE FOR ALL. THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEMS EXPERIENCED A HUGE GROWTH IN

4:30:57

VOLUMES BOTH IN VALUE AND NUMBER OF TRANSACTIONS, HOWEVER, THE GROWTH WAS NOT COMMENSURATE TO

4:31:02

WHAT WE WOULD HAVE EXPECTED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR CHECKS AND CASH.

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CLEARLY, OTHER IMPEDIMENTS TO ACCESS WHETHER IT IS INTERNET

4:31:16

ACCESS OR THE DIGITAL I.D. THE GROWING INTERNET DIVIDE MAY

4:31:27

EXACERBATE THE ACCESS DUE TO LIMITED ACCESS.

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THE NEW FUTURE MUST REDUCE THIS

4:31:42

ACCESS DUE TO THREATS AND INTERNET ACCESS. AND AS YOU SAID, ANDREA, THESE

4:31:49

RANGE FROM DIGITAL DIVIDE TO THREATS ONLINE TO LAW

4:31:57

ENFORCEMENT. MUCH OF THE DIGITAL SPACE USERS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE DUE TO

4:32:02

THE LACK OF AWARENESS OF CYBER THREATS AND THAT ARE THE BASIC

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ATTITUDE OF THEIR PERSONAL IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

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VI LOST C I HAVE LOST COUNT OF TIMES I

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CRINGE WHEN THEY GIVE AWAY INFORMATION TO GIVE HACKERS THE CHANCE TO GIVE AWAY THEIR

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PERSONAL INFORMATION FOR A CUTE

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AV AVATAR. >> THOSE ARE GREAT PERSPECTIVES. I WANT TO GET SIMILAR PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTS,

4:32:38

REBECCA, WHERE YOU ARE IN CAMEROON AND WEST AFRICA IN

4:32:44

GENERAL, AND YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS QUESTION. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME TODAY. YES, SO, FROM OUR PERSPECTIVE, I

4:32:52

THINK AFRICA HAS THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF INTERNET SHUTDOWNS AND

4:32:59

CENSORSHIPS. IT FEELS THAT ALMOST EVERY TIME THERE IS AN ELECTION OR ANY, YOU

4:33:06

KNOW, EVEN PACIFIC DEMONSTRATION, THE INTERNET IS SHUTDOWN OR SOCIAL MEDIA IS

4:33:16

CENSORED AND SO, THOSE ARE REAL CHALLENGES, BECAUSE THERE IS A STRONG CORRELATION OF COURSE

4:33:22

BETWEEN ACCESS TO THE INTERNET AND ACCESS TO THOSE SERVICES FOR BUSINESSES. YOU KNOW, WE ARE HERE AS PRIVATE

4:33:29

SECTOR, AND SPEAKING ABOUT AT THE ROLE OF INTERNET IN THE

4:33:34

PRIVATE SECTOR. SO, FOR ME, THE THREE ELEMENTS

4:33:40

WOULD BE THAT IT HAS TO BE ACCESSIBLE. RIGHT. SO THE INTERNET HAS TO BE

4:33:45

AVAILABLE FOR PEOPLE TO BE ABLE TO CONNECT TO IT. IT HAS TO BE AFFORDABLE.

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YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE WAYS THAT

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SOME GOVERNMENTS RESTRICT THE INTERNET IS BY MAKING IT SO INCREDIBLY EXPENSIVE TO UPLOAD A

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VIDEO WHEN THERE HAS BEEN A DEMONSTRATION FOR INSTANCE OR WHEN THERE HAS BEEN AN INCIDENT

4:34:07

THAT IT HAS BEEN SO DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE THAT THEY END UP NOT DOING IT, BUT AT THE SAME

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TIME, THE LACK OF AFFORDABILITY OF INTERNET ALSO MAKES OTHER

4:34:18

SERVICES UNAVAILABLE, AND FOR INSTANCE, THE ONLINE TREND THAT

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WE DISCOVERED DURING THE PANDEMIC, IT IS NOT FREE. IT IS NOT FREE BECAUSE OVER 90%

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OF THOSE WHO CONNECT FROM THE AFRICAN CONTINENT TO THE INTERNET CONNECT VIA THE
PREPAID

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MOBILE CONNECTION, AND SO THAT MEANS THAT THEY ARE ACTUALLY

4:34:45

PAYING FOR THEIR INTERNET CONNECTION EVERY SECOND AND

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EVERY MOMENT AND EVERY DATA IS PAID, SO THERE IS NO SUCH THING

4:34:55

AS FREE TRAINING AND FREE SEMINAR FOR THE AFRICANS THAT

4:35:00

ARE CONNECTING. AND SO MAKING IT MORE AFFORDABLE IS A KEY ELEMENT OF THIS

4:35:08

INTERNET GOVERNANCE. AND THEN THE FINAL POINT THAT I WOULD HAVE IS THAT IT SHOULD BE

4:35:14

UNRESTRICTED, AND TALKING ABOUT THE INTERNET CENSORSHIP. ANY TIME THE GOVERNMENT
SHUTDOWN

4:35:19

THE INTERNET, AND IT HAS AN IMPACT NOT JUST ON FREE SPEECH,

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BUT IT ALSO HAS AN IMPACT ON BUSINESS, BECAUSE IMAGINE, A

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YOUNG STARTUP SOMEWHERE ON THE CONTINENT THAT IS LOOKING FOR INV

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INVESTORS, AND INVESTORS LOOKING OUTSIDE OF THE CONTINENT, AND THEN ALL OF THE SUDDEN THAT STARTUP IS GOING TO BE MORE

4:35:42

RISKY TO INVEST IN, SIMPLY BECAUSE THE COUNTRY HAS DECIDED AT ONE POINT OR ANOTHER TO

4:35:48

SHUTDOWN EITHER COMPLETELY SHUTDOWN THE INTERNET OR SHUTDOWN CERTAIN SOCIAL MEDIA IN

4:35:58

ORDER TO CYCLE. >> THANK YOU, REBECCA. THOSE ARE INCREDIBLE INSIGHTS AND SPEAK LOUDLY ABOUT THE BIG

4:36:05

OBSTACLES THAT EXIST FOR PEOPLE TO HAVE ACCESS AND USE OF THE INTERNET DATA AND INFORMATION

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THAT ALL OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED IN THE NORTHERN WORLD AND THE WESTERN WORLD AND THE DEVELOPED

4:36:17

WORLD. THANK YOU. MICHELLE, SPEAKING OF THE DEVELOPED WORLD, YOU HAVE DONE A LOT OF WORK ON INTERNET

4:36:25

INFRASTRUCTURE, DEFENSE CYBERSECURITY. WHAT WOULD YOU CONSIDER TO BE OPEN AND RESILIENT IN THE GLOBAL

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NETWORK PERSPECTIVE. >> YES. THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME, AND I

4:36:37

AGREE WITH WHAT SIGH MOUNG AND REBECCA SHARE, AND THEIR

4:36:44

THOUGHTS. I WOULD START WITH TINA CLAFNER

4:36:49

MY PARTNER WOULD AGREE THAT THE INTERNET IS ONE OF THE GREATEST MIRACLES OF OUR LIFETIME, AND

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THINK ABOUT THE PANDEMIC IF IT DID NOT EXIST. THE INTERNET HAS ALLOWED US TO STAY CONNECT AND TO LEARN, AND

4:37:02

ALL OF THE BUSINESSES ARE USING IT TO DELIVER VALUE TO THE CUSTOMERS AND THE USERS AND THE

4:37:07

FLEXIBILITY AND THE RELIABILITY OF THE INTERNET IS REALLY ALMOST SOMETIMES HARD TO COMPREHEND,

4:37:14

AND THAT IS WHY I SAY IT IS A MIRACLE AND THAT IT WORKS. AND THE PANDEMIC PUT IT TO THE

4:37:20

TEST AND HOW MUCH WE ALL USED IT ON THE DAILY BASIS. IT WAS THERE FOR US. SO WHEN YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT

4:37:26

THE VERY THINGS THAT ENABLED THIS ACCELERATION AND THIS INNOVATION THAT YOU TOUCHED ON IN THE BEGINNING AND HOW WE CAME

4:37:33

TOGETHER AND THE FLEXIBILITY, AND WELL, THERE ARE SOME THREATS. I THINK THAT THIS IS WHAT

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WORRIES ME A LITTLE BIT. AND SO REBECCA, AND SOME OF US

4:37:44

HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THE THREAT OF SHUTDOWN. AND SO IN 2020, JUST LAST YEAR,

4:37:53

THERE WERE 120 TIMES THAT THERE WERE SHUTDOWNS THAT IMPACTED 129

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COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. THAT IS A BIG NUMBER THAT MIGHT SURPRISE SOME COUNTRIES.

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HERE IN SAN FRANCISCO IN THE UNITED STATES, I HAVE NOT HAD TO DEAL WITH THAT, BUT AS REBECCA,

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AND SIMOUN POINTED OUT, WHEN

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THAT HAPPENS, YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO WHAT THE REST OF US DO. AND SO THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE

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HAVE TO THINK ABOUT CAREFULLY TO WHAT OTHERS HAVE POINTED OUT, AND ACCESS AS REBECCA POINTED

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OUT. AND YOU TOUCHED ON THE EARLY PART THAT THERE ARE WAYS THAT WE HAVE LEARNED A LOT IN THE LAST

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DECADE JUST AS IT IS PART OF EVERYONE'S LIFE OF HOW IT CAN BE USED OR USED AS A TOOL FOR

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CONTROL, AND THIS IS GOING TO LEAD TO THE PRESSURE OF THE UNDERLYING INFRASTRUCTURE AND

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ARCHITECTURE AND THAT IS WORRYING ME. WE DON'T WANT TO CHANGE THE UNDERLYING INFRASTRUCTURE AND

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ARCHITECTURE AND IT IS AMAZING AND A MIRACLE OF HOW FLEXIBLE IT

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IS. BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE, THERE IS A SHADOW SIDE, AS SIMOUN POINTED

4:39:11

OUT, THERE CAN BE SHIP WRECKS AND HOW THE DEAL WITH IT. SO THERE IS A RECOGNITION OF ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS BUT YOU KNOW

4:39:17

THAT WHEN THERE ARE GOOD THINGS, THERE ARE BAD THINGS, BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO RUIN ALL OF THE GOOD THINGS TO DEAL WITH THE BAD

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THINGS. THAT IS THE SECOND THING THAT I WOULD SAY. THE THIRD THING THAT I WOULD SAY IS THAT THERE ARE VERY INCONSISTENT AND SOMETIMES

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CONTRADICTIONARY REGULATION, EVEN IF IT IS WELL INTENTIONED THAT MAKES IT VERY CHALLENGING TO DEAL WITH CROSS BORDERS, AND

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THAT IS THE RISKS OF THE UNDERLYING WORKINGS. BECAUSE IT IS OPEN AND GLOBAL,

4:39:43

AND THE FACT THAT WHETHER YOU ARE AN ENTREPRENEUR SITTING IN KENYA BUILDING THE NEXT BIG

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THING THAT WE ALL WILL USE OR THE ENTREPRENEUR IN SAN

4:39:54

FRANCISCO THAT WE CAN ACCESS THE WORLD, AND SO WE WANT TO PRESERVE THAT, AND SO THE INCONSISTENT STANDARDS ACROSS

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THE BORDERS MAKE IT HARDER FOR

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US TO BUILD WHAT WE ALL LOVE, AND ALSO, TO DEPLOY NEW

4:40:13

STANDARDS. SO SOMETIMES WHAT IS FORGOTTEN WITH THE INTERNET IS THAT IT IS A JOURNEY.

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WE ARE BUILDING MORE, AND THERE ARE NEW TECHNICAL STANDARDS TO HELP TO PUSH IT FORWARD WHETHER

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IT IS IPB6 TO MAKE IT MORE

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ACCESSIBLE TO THE WORLD, AND IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CONSISTENT SET OF VISION ACROSS THE BORDERS, IT

4:40:35

IS HARD TO GET THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES DEPLOYED, BUT WE NEED THEM TO KEEP THE INTERNET

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SAFER, AND RELIABLE AND ACCESSIBLE. SO THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT COME TO MIND ON TOP OF WHAT

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SIMOUN AND REBECCA SHARED. BUT I AM OPTIMISTIC, AND SO MANY GREAT PEOPLE LIKE EVENTS OF

4:40:55

TODAY THAT HELP TO RAISE AWARENESS OF WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT AND WE DO NEED TO

4:41:01

CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM ON THE INTERNET, BECAUSE IT IS A GOOD AND NOBLE FIGHT FOR THE NEXT WAVE OF INNOVATION AND

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DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE CULTURE. >> I LOVE HOW YOU CONNECTED THE WHOLE ISSUE OF DIGITAL FREEDOM

4:41:13

AND TRANSPARENCY AND OPENNESS TO THE ACTUAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE NEED TO DEVELOP AND PROTECT.

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LET'S MOVE TO THE SECOND QUESTION, AND MAYBE FOCUSING A LITTLE BIT MORE ON WHAT YOU

4:41:24

THINK THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS OF OPEN AND RESILIENT

4:41:29

DIGITAL SPACE ARE AND WHAT YOU EXPECT FROM THE GOVERNMENT, FROM BUSINESS, FROM CIVIL SOCIETY, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE

4:41:35

LESS DEMOCRATIC SPACES. SO THINKING ABOUT WHAT ACTIONS YOU WOULD WANT TO SEE AT THE

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NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. AND START WITH YOU, MICHELLE, TO GIVE US SOME THOUGHTS OF THAT AND WE WILL MOVE ON TO SIMOUN

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AND REBECCA. >> DEFINITELY. AGAIN, IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE A LOT OF ACCESS TO THE

4:41:55

NETWORKS AND WE HAVE SAID IT A LOT IN THE FIRST 10 MINUTES OF THE SEGMENT, BUT IT IS SO IMPORTANT WITH SECURITY AND

4:42:01

RESILIENCE BUILT IN. CYBERSECURITY IS ONE OF MY AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND YOU NEED TO

4:42:06

HAVE THE LEVEL OF CYBERSECURITY EXPERTISE BUILT IN. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS NOT

4:42:13

SAID TODAY IS HOW THE UNITED NATIONS IS HOW KEY INDIVIDUALS CAN EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS, AND

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IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCESS, AND IF YOU DO NOT ACCESS THE

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INTERNET, YOU ARE DENIED YOUR RIGHT. AND SO IF YOU CAN TRY TO PUT

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YOURSELF IN THAT SITUATION, AND YEAH, THAT WOULD BE A BAD SITUATION, AND SO WE TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE HOW OFTEN SHUTDOWNS

4:42:39

HAPPEN, AND HOW OFTEN CYBER ATTACKS HAPPEN, AND YOU KNOW, OUR COMPANY IS A RELATIVELY NEW

4:42:45

COMPANY, AND WE ARE ABOUT 11 YEARS OLD, AND ON THE DAILY

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BASIS, WE HAVE A VERY GLOBAL BUSINESS AROUND THE WORLD, AND EVERYONE IS A DEVELOPER IN THE SMALL BUSINESSES AND THE

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NONPROFITS THAT USE OUR BUSINESS UP TO GLOBAL 2000 AND TO GIVE

4:43:02

YOU A SENSE ON A DAILY BASIS, WE HELP SOME 80 BILLION WITH A "B"

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TO HELP CUSTOMERS EVERYDAY, AND THAT IS A BIG NUMBER, AND IF YOU ARE CARVING THAT UP, AND SAY

4:43:15

THAT IT IS THE AT-RISK PUBLIC INTERESTS THAT ARE TARGETED, IT

4:43:21

IS THE MILLIONS OF ATTACKS THAT WE HAVE TO DEFEND AGAINST WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE HARD, AND SO WE

4:43:27

NEED TO MAKE THAT SOMETHING THAT IS LESS HARDEN AND SO A COMPANY LIKE OURSELVES AND OUR TEAM

4:43:33

SHOWS IS UP EVERYDAY THAT YOU READ ABOUT IN THE HISTORY BOOKS THAT IS SO IMPORTANT AND THE RELIABILITY AND FREE OF CYBER

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ATTACKS. A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS THAT WE BELIEVE AT TECHNICAL

4:43:45

ENHANCEMENTS COMBINED WITH THE TRANSPARENT OR RESPONSIBLE PRACTICES THAT WE RESPECT HUMAN

4:43:50

RIGHTS IS WHAT THE FUTURE IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE. SO IF YOU SAY, OKAY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND TECHNICAL, AND WE

4:43:57

WANT THE TRANSPARENT PRACTICES, AND HOW WE CONTINUE TO ADD IN MORE AND MORE TECHNICAL

4:44:02

ENHANCEMENTS, AND YOU THINK THAT WITH CONSISTENT AND REGULAR

4:44:07

ACCESS, THAT ACTIVATION IS SOMETHING THAT I THINK IS REALLY

4:44:13

POSSIBLE WITHIN OUR REACH, AND IT IS BECAUSE CONVERSATIONS TODAY BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

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FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND INDUSTRIES AND COMPETITIONS

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BRINGING FORWARD. >> THANK YOU, MICHELLE. I KNOW THAT WORKING WITH THE

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BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES, YOU HAVE WORKED WITH SOME OF THESE ISSUES, SIMOUN, AND CAN YOU

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BRING US SOME OF YOUR THOUGHTS OF WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE FREE AND OPEN AND DIGITAL SPACES?

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>> MY EXPECTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT IS QUITE LOW NORMALLY, BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT

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THE PRIVATE SECTOR CAN MOVE FASTER, AND QUITE FRANKLY, WE DON'T HAVE THE LUXURY OF TIME IN

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THE PHILIPPINES AND DEVELOPING ASIA. THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS MORE RESOURCES AT ITS DISPOSAL THAN

4:45:03

THE PUBLIC SECTOR. IN THE PAST, BUSINESSES LARGELY SUBSCRIBE TO THE FREEDMAN

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DOCTRINE OF MAXIMIZING THE SHAREHOLDER VALUE, AND LETTING THE SHAREHOLDERS THEMSELVES

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DECIDE ON THE SOCIAL RISKS. IN 2011 THE HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW PUBLISHED A REVIEW TITLED

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"CREATING SHARED VALUE" AND THE PRINCIPLES OF A COMPANY'S SUCCESS AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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ARE INTERDEPENDENT AND CREATING SHARED VALUES AND THEY ARE

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SHARED RESPONSIBILITY BY CREATING ECONOMIC VALUE THAT PROVE SOCIETAL VALUE.

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THE RULE OF LAW EVEN FOR LESS DEMOCRATIC SPACES MUST BE

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PRIMORDIAL. THE INTRACONNECTIVITY AND OPERABILITY WITHIN THE

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CONNECTED SPACES WILL FALTER OTHERWISE. THE PEOPLE IN LESS DEMOCRATIC SPACES BECOME AWARE OF THE

4:46:04

SPACES WITHIN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES, AND THERE MAY BE GROWING AND GREATER

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DISSATISFACTION WITH THE LESS DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, BUT IT IS A JOURNEY THAT EVERY SOVEREIGN

4:46:15

NATION MUST GO THROUGH ITSELF. THE SPACE WILL ENABLE THE FREE FLOW AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND

4:46:24

RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMERCE. TRUST IS OFTEN THE MISSING CURRENCY WITH REGARDS TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR

4:46:30

UPHOLDING THE RULE OF LAW, AND MADE EVEN MORE COMPLEX WITH DIFFERING LAWS AND DIFFERING

4:46:36

SOCIETAL VALUES ACROSS DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS. ONE APPROACH FOR US TO CONSIDER

4:46:42

IS TO TAKE A BABY STEP FORWARD INSTEAD OF SUPER INTERNET GOAL

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THAT EVERYONE CAN AGREE ON. FOR EXAMPLE THE ONLINE

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EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN IS CONSIDERED REPREHENSIBLE. GOVERNMENTS IN THE VARIOUS LAW

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ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ALONG WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR MUST WORK TOGETHER TO COOPERATE AND COMBAT

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THE ONLINE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AS IT IS INHERENTLY

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A TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. INTERPOL CAN SHARE INFORMATION

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INTERNATIONALLY AMONG THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, HOWEVER, THE PRIVATE SECTOR WHICH IS

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ESSENTIAL AND WILLINGLY PARTICIPANT IS MOSTLY LOCKED UP IN THIS EFFORT.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIMOUN, BECAUSE YOU HAVE TOUCHED ON

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IMPORTANT THINGS AND THE IDEA OF THE BABY STEPS OF THE LOW-HANGING FRUIT, AND LET'S GET

4:47:42

THAT DONE. REBECCA, PLEASE, SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS OF SOME OF THE IMPORTANT ELEMENTS THAT YOU SEE

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FROM YOUR PERSPECTIVE. >> YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT SO MUCH, AND

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THANK YOU FOR MENTIONING THE RULE OF LAW, AND IT HAS BEEN TALKED ABOUT ALL MORNING AND NOT JUST DURING OUR OWN PANEL OF THE

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IMPORTANCE OF THE RULE OF LAW. WHAT WE WILL FIND MOSTLY ON THE CONTINENT IN AFRICA IS THAT MANY

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OF THE CYBERSECURITY LAWS THAT ARE PASSED AND IN SOME COUNTRIES

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ARE PASSING THEM ARE REALLY MORE TARGETED TOWARDS SILENCING

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DEFENSE AND NOT REALLY ADDRESSING REAL ISSUES OF

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SECURING THE POPULATION AND CITIZENS. AND SO THAT IS VERY, VERY

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FRUSTRATING, BECAUSE A LOT OF SUPPORT HAS COME FROM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND

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INSTITUTIONS IN MAKING SURE THAT THERE ARE THESE PROTECTIONS AND THESE LAWS THAT ARE IMPLEMENTED

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THAT THEY ARE VOTED IN THESE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, BUT IN PRACTICE, THE LAWS ARE USED

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AGAINST PEOPLE THAT EXPRESS THE COMPLAINT ABOUT GOVERNMENT SERVICES OR COMPLAIN ABOUT

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GOVERNMENT AND REALLY USE THE

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DISSENT, AND THAT IS INCREDIBLY FRUSTRATING. THERE IS ALSO AN ISSUE THAT IS

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TALKED ABOUT THAT MICHELLE TALKED ABOUT THE PROTECTION ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THE CYBER

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ATTACKS. BUT WE ALSO HAVE PHYSICAL ATTACKS. AND IN A LOT OF TIMES, THESE

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GOVERNMENTS THAT MONOPOLIZE

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INT INTERNET CONNECTIVITY, AND THEY DON'T SECURE THE CONNECTION, AND

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SO WE HAVE SITUATIONS LIKE WE HAD IN CAMEROON A FEW DAYS AGO WHERE THERE WAS AN ACT OF SABOTAGE WHERE PEOPLE ACTUALLY

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CAME IN AND CUT A LOT OF, LIKE

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PHYSICAL FIBER LINES, AND THAT BROUGHT THE INTERNET DOWN IN THE

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ENTIRE COUNTRY. SO UNTIL TODAY, MANY OF THE DOC

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MCM SITES ARE UNAVAILABLE. SO SOME OF IT IS AWARENESS AND

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UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE CONNECTIONS AND WHAT MUST BE DONE TO SECURE THEM BOTH ONLINE AND OFFLINE.

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BUT, AGAIN, REALLY, WHAT I WOULD FOCUS ON IS MAKING SURE THAT,

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YES, THE CYBERSECURITY LAWS ARE ESSENTIAL, AND THE RULE OF LAW

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IS ESSENTIAL, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT IN PRACTICE THESE

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ARE MEANT TO SUPPORT, TO SUPPORT

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THE POPULATION AND NOT THE ACT AGAINST IT. >> YOU HAVE SHARED WITH US

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REALLY JUST UNDERSCORES SO IMPORTANTLY IT IS THE WITHIN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER WHERE YOU

4:50:49

SIT AT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AND ANALYZE AND ADDRESSED. SO WE HAVE LESS THAN TWO MINUTES LEFT AND I WANT TO DO THE

4:50:56

LIGHTNING ROUND OF LESS THAN 30 SECONDS PER PERSON, AN PLD PLEA

4:51:04

SHARE WITH US THE KEY ASKS THAT YOU HAVE FOR US FROM THE

4:51:09

GOVERNMENT FOR THE CALLS FOR ACTION. REBECCA. >> I WOULD SAY SUPPORT THE

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EXPORT OF POSITIVE TECHNOLOGY. I SAY THIS BECAUSE WE ARE ALSO

4:51:21

SEEING WESTERN TECHNOLOGY USED IN ORDER TO STIFLE THE DISSENT, AND SO LET'S MAKE SURE THAT

4:51:31

THERE IS THAT WE ARE NOT SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS TO GO INTO CERTAIN COUNTRIES AND HACK

4:51:36

INTO TELEPHONES AND LET'S TRY TO REDUCE THE COST OF THE INTERNET

4:51:42

AND MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. >> FANTASTIC. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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MICHELLE, YOYOUR COUP OF TAKEAWS

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FOR ACTION COMING UP. >> WE ALL HAVE A ROLE THE PLAY, AND WHETHER IT IS A COMPANY OR

4:52:04

CIVIL SOCIETY OR ORGANIZATION OR MEDIA, AND NOT ONE COUNTRY OR

4:52:09

COMPANY OR ONE ORGANIZATION CAN DO IT ALONE. SO WE NEED EVERYONE TO ASK YOURSELF WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO

4:52:16

DO. AND FOR EXAMPLE WHEN WE SEE THE SHUTDOWNS, HOW DO WE RALLY TOGETHER AGAINST THESE SORTS OF

4:52:22

THINGS. AND AGAIN, THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO GET ACCESS IS CRITICAL TO THE UNDERLYING

4:52:30

RIGHTS OF INTERNET, AND SO WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY, SO

4:52:35

LET'S SUGGEST WHAT ROLE IS MY ORGANIZATION PLAYING TO SUPPORT IN THIS YEAR OF ACTION.

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THERE IS SOMETHING LIKE SOME UNIFYING THINGS THAT WE CAN GET TOGETHER TO SAY THIS IS NOT

4:52:47

OKAY, AND EVEN IF IT IS NOT ATTACKING YOU PERSONALLY, BUT IT

4:52:53

IS COOPERATION WITHIN THE RIGHT FRAMEWORKS WILL LEAD TO A BETTER AND SAFER INTERNET FOR ALL OF US. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MICHELLE.

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SIMOUN, YOU HAVE THE FINAL WORD. >> THANK YOU, ANDREA. MICHELLE AND REBECCA COVERED

4:53:06

MOST OF IT ALREADY. FROM THE GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A STRATEGY

4:53:13

OF PURSUING RESPONSIBLE COMPETITION AND NOT CONTAIN IT DOMESTICALLY OR NATIONALLY, AND

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TO FOSTER A EVEN PLAYING FIELD FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR. IN TERMS OF THE ASK, A GLOBAL

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STANDARD FOR DIGITAL IDENTIFICATION WILL FACILITATE A MORE DEMOCRATIC AND DIGITAL

4:53:31

SPACE, AND USERS TOF SPACE WILL BE MORE CAREFUL AND TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR

4:53:36

THEIR OWN ACTIONS AND COMMERCE WILL THRIVE WITH THE BROAD COST ASSOCIATED WITH IT.

4:53:42

FOR BUSINESSES ECHOING THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, WE NEED TO SHOW UP AND ENGAGE.

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DEMOCRACY IS FRAGILE AND MUST BE PROTECTED, AND YET IT IS THE FOUNDATION FOR MUCH OF THE

4:53:53

SOCIETAL VALUES AND CONTRAST THIS AGAINST THE CENTRALLY PLANNED ECONOMY OF THE RELEVANCE

4:54:01

OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IS MI MINIMAL. IN A DEMOCRACY, THE ROLE OF THE BUSINESS IS OUTSIZED COMPARED OF

4:54:07

THE GOVERNMENT. >> I COULD NOT AGREE MORE. THANK YOU SO MUCH AND WE RAN OUT OF TIME, AND THIS HAS BEEN A

4:54:13

WONDERFUL PANEL, AND THANK YOU FOR THE PERSPECTIVE NATIONAL AND

4:54:19

INTERNATIONAL AND I HAND IT BACK OVER TO ANDREW. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING US. >> THANK YOU, ANDREA, AND THE

4:54:26

PANEL FOR SHARING YOUR VISION AND AS WELL AS THE LIGHTNING ROUND PRIORITIES FOR THE YEAR

4:54:37

COMING ACTION. AND SHUTDOWNS ARE NOT JUST BAD FOR DEMOCRACY, BUT BAD FOR

4:54:43

BUSINESS. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO ROUND TABLES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE AND

4:54:49

HOLDING UP RIGHTS ONLINE, AND AS WELL AS THE NEED FOR ACTION AT A NATIONAL AND GLOBAL LEVEL.

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TO CONCLUDE TODAY, WE FIRST WANT TO THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING US. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO SECRETARY

4:55:02

REMONDO AND THE DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS AND THOSE WHO WORKED

4:55:07

T TIRELESSLY BEHIND THE SCENES WHO ORGANIZED THE PRIVATE SECTOR EVENT.

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WE LEARNED HOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAS A ROLE THE PLAY IN TRUST AND EXPANDING THE ECONOMIC

4:55:18

OPPORTUNITY. AS MICHELLE SAID IN THE LAST SESSION, WE ALL HAVE A ROLE THE PLAY. AS PRESIDENT BIDEN AND THE

4:55:24

ASSEMBLED WORLD LEADERS WHO WILL GATHER FOR THE SUMMIT KNOW THAT DEMOCRACY
REQUIRES US ALL TO

4:55:30

WORK COOPERATIVELY AND ALL OF US WHO KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF DEMOCRACY AND WISH TO
SEE ALL OF

4:55:36

THE WORLD'S CITIZENS TO ENJOY DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS HAVE MUCH TO DO. TO THAT END, WE CALL
UPON ALL OF

4:55:42

YOU HERE TODAY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU AND YOUR COMPANIES CAN
DO IN

4:55:48

THE COMING YEAR AND AHEAD. AS YOUR FIRMS DEMOCRAT ETHICAL

4:55:54

CONDUCT AND ADVOCATE FOR AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF GOOD

4:56:01

GOVERNANCE, WE ASK YOU THE ENGAGE WITH GOVERNMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY GROUPS AND YOUR

4:56:06

EMPLOYEES AND YOUR INVESTORS AND YOUR BUSINESS PARTNERS AND WITH THE CITIZENRY AT LARGE
TO MAKE

4:56:11

THE WORLD SAFER, MORE PROSPEROUS AND FREE. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. AND GOOD-
BYE.

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[MUSIC]

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>>> HELLO AND WELCOME TO THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT OF THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY.

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I'M MELANIE VERVEER AND CURRENTLY DIRECTING THE GEORGETOWN INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN'S

5:24:12

PEACE AND SECURITY. IT IS AN HONOR TO MODERATE TODAY'S EVENT, EMPOWERING

5:24:19

PROSPERITY, ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF DEMOCRACY.

5:24:24

IT IS CO-HOSTED BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN.

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AS WE ALL UNDERSTAND, THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

5:24:36

GOES HAND IN HAND WITH THE DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF

5:24:43

NATIONS. IT IS THE GOAL OF TODAY'S EVENT TO PUT A SPOTLIGHT ON WOMEN'S

5:24:48

CIVIC AND LEADERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION. AS CENTRAL TO DEMOCRATIC

5:24:55

PROGRESS AND TO DEMONSTRATE HOW WE CAN TACKLE AND OVERCOME TO

5:25:01

BARRIERS TO GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT. I AM DELIGHTED TO WELCOME TWO

5:25:07

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS, HER EXCELLENCY

5:25:18

M MAGDALENA ANDERSSON AND KATHERINE TAI, THE U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THEIR

5:25:23

THOUGHTFUL REFLECTIONS ON WOMEN'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO EXPRESS A

5:25:30

VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR TWO ESTEEMED CLOSING SPEAKERS, U.N.

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WOMEN'S DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR USA REGNER AND

5:25:53

AMBASSADOR REGNER. TURNING TO THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER, IT IS MY HONOR TO TURN TO

5:26:00

MAGDALENA ANDERSSON, THE PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN. SHE IS THE FIRST FEMALE PRIME

5:26:05

MINISTER OF HER COUNTRY, AND SHE HAS GRACIOUSLY AGREED TO JOIN US

5:26:12

IN HER SECOND WEEK IN OFFICE. WE ARE SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE HER WITH US.

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PRIME MINISTER ANDERSSON HAS HELD NUMEROUS OFFICES IN HER 25

5:26:23

YEARS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE, AND MOST RECENTLY SERVING AS THE MINISTER OF FINANCE IN THE

5:26:29

PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT. SHE IS THE LEADER OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF SWEDEN.

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SWEDEN'S GROUNDBREAKING AND PRECEDENT-SETTING FEMINIST

5:26:41

FOREIGN POLICY AND WORK TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALLY THROUGH THE DOMESTIC POLICY AND OUR

5:26:47

MODELS FOR STATES AND GOVERNMENTS ARE LOOKING TO STRENGTHEN THE POLITICAL

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PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN. IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE ARE ALL

5:26:57

STRIVING FOR. PRIME MINISTER ANDERSSON, CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RECENT

5:27:04

ELECTION AND IT IS WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY. YOU NOW HAVE THE FLOOR.

5:27:09

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR THE INTRODUCTION. EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND

5:27:14

GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO TODAY'S DISCUSSION ON EMPOWERING

5:27:21

PROSPERITY AND THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND ADVANCING THE STATUS OF DEMOCRACY, AND THE GOVERNMENT

5:27:26

OF SWEDEN IS HONORED THE CO-HOST THIS EVENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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AND THIS MEETING TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE KATHERINE TAI.

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AND ELEVATING THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IS KEY TO FOSTERING HEALTHY, STABLE AND

5:27:48

INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACIES. AND ACCORDING TO REPORT BY U.N.

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WOMEN EARLIER THIS YEAR, ONLY 25% OF THE WORLD'S

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PARLIAMENTARIANS AND 21% OF THE GOVERNMENT MINISTERS ARE WOMEN,

5:28:05

AND IN ALL OF THE COUNTRY'S OF THE WHOLE WORLD, THERE ARE

5:28:11

CURRENTLY ONLY 10 WOMEN SERVING AS ELECTED HEADS OF STATE.

5:28:17

FOUR ARE OUR NEIGHBORS HERE IN THE NORTHERN PART OF EUROPE.

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AND MANY ASSOCIATE SWEDEN WITH GENDER EQUALITY, DEMOCRACY AND

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SOCIALLY PROGRESSIVE POLICIES. BUT THIS IS NOT ALWAYS THE CASE.

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CHANCES CAME ABOUT THANKS TO A DIVERSE GROUP OF STRONGLY COMMITTED ACTORS WHO ALL PUSHED

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IN THE SAME DIRECTION. WOMEN'S MOVEMENTS, WOMEN'S

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RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND WOMEN AND MEN IN POLITICAL PARTIES WERE ON THE FRONTLINE IN THE

5:28:57

FIGHT FOR GENDER EQUALITY DEMANDING REPRESENTATION AND A

5:29:04

VOICE. TODAY, SWEDEN AS NEAR EQUAL

5:29:10

REPRESENTATION IN WOMEN AND MEN IN MOST ELECTED DECISIONMAKING BODIES BOTH AT NATIONAL,

5:29:15

REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVEL. THIS IMPROVEMENT WOULD NOT HAVE

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BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT POLITICAL WILL AND DECISIVE WILL, AND ONCE

5:29:26

IMPLEMENTED EQUAL REPRESENTATION IS VERY HARD TO GO BACK ON.

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AND ULTIMATELY, COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATION MUST MAKE UP THEIR

5:29:39

MINDS. DO THEY WANT EQUAL REPRESENTATION OR NOT?

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DO WE WANT TO EMPLOY THE FULL

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DEPLOYMENT OF REPRESENTATION OF BOTH HALVES OR NOT? IN 1994, THE SWEDEN PRIME

5:30:00

MINISTER DECIDED THAT HIS NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIST OF AN EQUAL NUMBER OF WOMEN AND MEN,

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AND HE FORMED THE WORLD'S FIRST GENDER NEUTRAL GOVERNMENT WHERE

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11 OF THE 22 MINISTERS WERE WOMEN. AND EVER SINCE GENDER NEUTRAL

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GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN THE NORMALITY IN SWEDEN AND OF COURSE MY NEWLY FORMED

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GOVERNMENT IS ALSO GENDER NEUTRAL. I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THREE KEY REFORMS THAT MADE A REAL

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DIFFERENCE IN ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY IN SWEDEN.

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IT IS ACHIEVING CHILD CARE, AND PARENTAL INSURANCE WITH MORE

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EQUAL PARENTAL DIVISION BETWEEN THE FATHER AND MOTHER. THE BEFORE THE MORE UNIVERSAL

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CHILD CARE WAS INTRODUCED IN SWEDEN IN 1970s, MOST WOMEN FACE

5:31:04

AS MOST WOMEN DO ACROSS THE WORLD THE IMPOSSIBLE DAILY SCHEDULES OF BALANCING PAID WORK

5:31:10

WITH FULL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOUSEWORK AND CHILD CARE AND THE REFORM WE IMPOSED INCREASED THE

5:31:18

WOMEN'S PROSPECTS THAT YOU HAVE BETTER OPPORTUNITIES TO ENTER THE LABOR MARKETS BUT NOT ONLY

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THAT, ALSO THE POSSIBILITY TO ADVANCE AND PROGRESS ONCE THEY WERE THERE.

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AND IN 1971, SWEDEN ALSO INTRODUCED INDIVIDUAL TAXATION

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AS OPPOSED TO INDIVIDUAL TAXATION. AND THIS REFORM INCENTIVIZED THE

5:31:41

LOWEST EARNER IN THE HOUSEHOLD WHICH AGAIN ALMOST ALWAYS ARE

5:31:47

THE WOMAN TO PURSUE THEIR OWN CAREER, AND SIMPLY PUT, THIS REFORM MADE IT MORE BENEFICIAL

5:31:53

FOR WOMEN TO SEEK EMPLOYMENT, INCREASING BOTH WOMEN'S

5:31:59

INDEPENDENCE AND OVERALL INCOME GROWTH FOR THE WHOLE SOCIETY.

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LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THE INTRODUCTION OF THE GENDER NEUTRAL PARENTAL

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LEAVE SYSTEM WHICH WAS INTRODUCED IN 1974, AND THIS POLICY AIMED AT SUPPORTING A

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DUAL-FAMILY EARNER WHICH IS THE CORNERSTONE OF ACHIEVING GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S

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EMPOWERMENT. IN PARALLEL WITH THESE REFORMS, POLICIES AND LEGISLATION RELATED TO SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE

5:32:38

HEALTH AND RIGHTS HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL IN THE PUSH FOR GENDER

5:32:44

EQUALITY. AND IN THIS FORECAST, IT ALSO HAD A FUNDAMENTAL IMPACT ON

5:32:49

WOMEN'S FULL PARTICIPATION IN THE LABOR MARKET, AND THUS WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT.

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BUT ALSO POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION IN SOCIETY AT

5:33:03

LARGE. AND OUR ECONOMY HAS GROWN AS A

5:33:08

RESULT, AND IN OTHER WORDS, IT MAKES NO SENSE ECONOMICALLY OR

5:33:13

OTHERWISE TO EXCLUDE HALF OF THE POPULATION FROM THE LABOR MARKET AND FROM ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN

5:33:20

THE ECONOMY. IN MY GOVERNMENT, GENERAL

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QUALITIES MAINSTREAM IN POLICY MAKING ON A BROAD FRONT, AND

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EVERY MINISTER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF GENDER

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EQUALITY WITHIN THEIR POLICYMAKING PROCESS, AND THE

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POLICIES WILL REQUIRE THAT ALL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES INVOLVE A

5:33:51

GENDER QUALITY ASSESSMENT IN THE BUDGET PROPOSALS WITHIN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, AND THIS IS

5:33:58

INTRODUCED WHEN I WAS THE MINISTER OF FINANCE. AND A NIFTY ANALYSIS IS NOT

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PROVIDED, AND THE PROES POL WOUL --

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PROPOSAL WOULD BE SENT BACK FOR SUBMISSION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IN 2014,

5:34:18

SWEDEN WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD TO PROCLAIM A FEMINIST

5:34:25

FOREIGN POLICY. IN PRACTICE, THIS MEANS THAT WE APPLY A SYSTEMIC GENDER

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PERSPECTIVE TO EVERYTHING THAT WE DO WITH AIM TO STRENGTHEN

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WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S REPRESENTATION, AND THEIR RIGHTS AND RESOURCES.

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AND I'M VERY PROUD THAT SWEDEN HAS BEEN PART OF THIS ESTABLISHING THE NEW FEMINIST

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FOREIGN POLICY AS A NEW STANDARD, AND THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE FOLLOWED LATER.

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WE ARE NOW SEVEN COUNTRIES THAT PURSUE A FEMINIST POLICY.

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IN ADDITION TO SWEDEN, WE NOW SEE CANADA, FRANCE, LUXEMBOURG,

5:35:14

SPAIN AND MEXICO AND RECENTLY, GERMANY HAS JOINED THIS CLUB AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE EVEN MORE COUNTRIES JOINING, BECAUSE NO

5:35:21

DEMOCRACY IS WITHOUT ITS FLAWS AND THE AMBITION TO CONSTANTLY

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IMPROVE IS ESSENTIAL. THIS APPLIES TO ALL OF US, OF COURSE, SWEDEN INCLUDED.

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AND WE HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE GROUP OF PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S

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EVENTS AND I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSIONS THAT WE WILL HAVE TODAY.

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SO, LET'S TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN FROM EACH OTHER TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN

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WHICH I BELIEVE IS A PREREQUISITE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY. SO WE ARE HAPPY TO PROMOTE THESE

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ISSUES AND TO CO-HOST THIS MEETING TOGETHER WITH THE U.S. AND WITH AMBASSADOR TAI.

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SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, PRIME

5:36:11

MINISTER. AND THANK YOU FOR TELLING US ALL OF THE WAYS THAT SWEDEN IS CERTAINLY LEADING THE WAY ON

5:36:17

THESE ISSUES. ALL OF THE BEST TO YOU. >> THANK YOU. >> AND NOW, AMBASSADOR KATHERINE

5:36:24

TAI IS GOING TO BE SPEAKING TO US. SHE WAS SWORN IN AS THE 19th

5:36:30

UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR. AS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S

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CABINET, SHE IS THE PRINCIPLE

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TRADE ADVISER AND SPOKESPERSON ON UNITED STATES TRADE POLICY S. PRIOR TO HER UNANIMOUS SENATE

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CONFIRMATION, AMBASSADOR TAI SPENT MOST OF HER CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE FOCUSING ON

5:36:55

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY, MONITORING AND

5:37:00

ENFORCEMENT. WELCOME, AMBASSADOR TAI, IT IS SO GREAT TO HAVE YOU WITH US.

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>> THANK YOU, AMBASSADOR VERVEER, AND LET ME CONGRATULATE

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AMBASSADOR ANDERSSON, ON HER

5:37:22

APPOINTMENT. LET US SHOW NO GIRL THAT HER DREAM IS OUT OF REACH. I AM PROUD TO REPRESENT THE

5:37:28

BIDEN/HARRIS ADMINISTRATION OF WHAT I KNOW IS A PRODUCTIVE AND INSIGHTFUL SUMMIT.

5:37:33

WHILE THE UNITED STATES IS MAKING PROGRESS IN THE FIGHT FOR GENDER EQUALITY, THERE IS STILL SO MUCH WORK THAT WE MUST DO TO

5:37:40

EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS BOTH HERE AT HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD. THIS IS A PERSONAL ISSUE FOR ME,

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AND WHEN I WAS YOUNG, MY MOTHER WORKED AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.

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NIH HAD A PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN OF THE AGENCY EMPLOYEES. ONE DAY AS WE WERE PLAYING, I

5:37:59

PUT ON A LAB COAT AND ANNOUNCED THAT TODAY, I'M GOING TO BE A DOCTOR. A LITTLE BOY LAUGH AND SAID TO

5:38:05

ME, YOU CAN'T BE A DOCTOR. ONLY BOYS CAN BE DOCTORS. WHAT HE SAID HAS STUCK WITH ME

5:38:11

OVER THE YEARS, BECAUSE ALTHOUGH, I DID NOT BECOME A DOCTOR, IT REPRESENTS THE

5:38:16

CHALLENGE THAT SO MANY GIRLS CONTINUE TO FACE. THEY ARE TOLD WHAT CAREERS THEY

5:38:23

CAN AND CANNOT PURSUE. THEY ARE TOLD THEY CANNOT RUN FOR OFFICE EVEN AS THE MALE

5:38:31

LEGISLATORS MAKE LAWS THAT IMPACT THEIR HEALTH AND FUTURE, AND TO BE TOLD THAT AT SUCH A

5:38:36

YOUNG AGE CAN FUNDAMENTALLY ALTER A PERSON'S CAREER PATH AND OUTDATED THE STEREOTYPES.

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RESEARCH SHOWS THAT COUNTRIES WITH GREATER GENDER INEQUALITY ARE MORE LIKELY TO FACE HIGHER

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LEVELS OF POVERTY AND VIOLENCE AND AUTHORITARIANISM. CONVERSELY, THE COUNTRIES THAT

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PROMOTE INCLUSIVITY AND GENDER INEQUITY ARE MORE PEACEFUL, AND

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MORE STABLE AND ENJOY HIGHER ECONOMIC GROWTH. EMPOWERING WOMEN AND GIRLS IS NOT JUST A MORAL IMPERATIVE, BUT

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IT HELPS US TO ACHIEVE GREATER GLOBAL PROSPERITY AND SECURITY.

5:39:12

THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES THAT WE MUST LEAD BY EXAMPLE. LAST YEAR, WE ELECTED OUR FIRST

5:39:20

FEMALE VICE PRESIDENT, AND WITH NANCY PELOSI AS THE UNITED STATES' FIRST FEMALE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, TWO OF THE THREE

5:39:25

HIGHEST OFFICES IN OUR GOVERNMENT ARE FILLED BY WOMEN. I AM PROUD TO SERVE IN THE MOST

5:39:32

DIVERSE AND GENDER-BALANCED CABINET IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

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PRESIDENT BIDEN AND VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN WOMEN HAVE A SEAT AT THE

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TABLE, THE RESULTS OF OUR ACTIONS ARE MORE EQUITABLE AND

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INCLUSIVE. IN OCTOBER, OUR ADMINISTRATION ISSUED THE FIRST EVER NATIONAL

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STRATEGY ON GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY, AND THE WHOLE OF

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GOVERNMENT EFFORT WILL DEVELOP CONCRETE PLANS TO PROMOTE GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY THROUGHOUT

5:40:05

ALL FEDERAL AGENCIES BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY. AND TODAY, AS WE CONTINUE TO

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DEFEND AGAINST AUTHORITARIANISM, TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FIGHT CORRUPTION, THE

5:40:18

BIDEN/HARRIS ADMINISTRATION IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE TWO KEY PARTNERSHIPS.

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FIRST, WE ARE EXCITED TO LAUNCH THE ADVANCING WOMEN'S AND GIRLS'

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CIVIC AND LEADERSHIP PROGRAM. THIS GOING TO ADOPT A WHOLE

5:40:36

APPROACH TO CIVIC LEADERSHIP AND BUILD A PIPELINE OF CIVIC AND

5:40:43

LIKE-MINDED POLITICALLY ACTIVE GIRLS TO ACHIEVE GREATER REPRESENTATION. THE UNITED STATES IS GOING TO

5:40:49

BEGIN BY COMMITTING UP TO \$33.5 MILLION TO THIS INITIATIVE PENDING AVAILABILITY OF

5:40:55

APPROPRIATIONS. WE WILL LINK THIS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE TO THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS ENCOURAGING AND

5:41:01

SUPPORTING PARTNER COUNTRIES TO PRIORITIZE THE POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

5:41:06

AS PART OF THE DEMOCRATIC REFORMS. SECOND, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH DENMARK'S TECH FOR DEMOCRACY

5:41:13

INITIATIVE, THE UNITED STATES WILL LEAD THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR ACTION ON GENDER-BASED

5:41:18

ONLINE HARASSMENT AND ABUSE. THROUGH THIS PARTNERSHIP, WE WILL BUILD A GLOBAL COALITION

5:41:25

DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE RESPONSE TO TECHNOLOGY FACILITATED GENDER-BASED

5:41:31

VIOLENCE AND PROMOTING EFFECTIVE PREVENTION STRATEGIES. THIS PARTNERSHIP IS GOING TO

5:41:38

COMPLIMENT THE ONLINE HARASSMENT AND ABUSE THAT WE HAVE DEVELOPED

5:41:45

IN OUR STRATEGY. AND WLED ADDRESS GENDER-BASED HARASSMENT IN THE ACTION PLAN TO

5:41:52

ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. THIS IS GOING TO ALSO ADDRESS THE UPCOMING STRATEGY TOWARD

5:42:01

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE GLOBALLY, AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK

5:42:06

GLOBALLY TO THE WOMEN PEACE AND SECURITY. FINALLY, I WANT TO SHARE WHAT MY

5:42:11

OFFICE IS DOING TO ADVANCE THESE IMPORTANT GOALS. AT THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, WE

5:42:18

ARE DEVELOPING ING POLICIES THA DEVELOP GROWTH AND INCLUSIVE

5:42:25

PROSPERITY FOR ALL WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES AND EMERGING WOMEN

5:42:31

ENTREPRENEURS. INCLUSIVITY IS CENTRAL TO THE APPROACH TO TRADE AGREEMENTS N.

5:42:36

JULY, I PARTICIPATED IN A ROUND TABLE FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS

5:42:44

AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES AS WE PARTICIPATED IN A TRADE AGREEMENT WITH MEXICO. I ATTENDED THE BOEING TECHNOLOGY

5:42:54

CENTER AND MET WITH WOMEN ENGINEERS WHO MAKE UP 40% OF

5:43:00

THAT WORKFORCE. BY LIFTING UP WOMEN ENGINEERS, WE CAN REACH THAT GOAL OF TRUE

5:43:07

GENDER EQUALITY, BUT WE REALIZE THAT NONE OF THE WORK CAN EXIST IN ISOLATION.

5:43:12

THE UNITED STATES ENCOURAGES OUR ALLIES TO LAUNCH THEIR OWN INITIATIVES AND DEMOCRATIC

5:43:18

REFORMS TO ADVANCE GENDER EQUALITY DOMESTICALLY AND

5:43:23

GLOBALLY TO GENDER-BASED EQUALITY TO PROMOTE GENDER-BASED

5:43:30

EQUITY GLOBALLY, AND THAT IS HOW WE HAVE DURABLE AND LASTING CHANGE TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF

5:43:35

OUR PEOPLE AND STRENGTHENS OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THIS SUMMIT REPRESENTS AN

5:43:42

ACCELERATION OF THAT WORK, AND I AM EXCITED TO SEE WHAT WE ACCOMPLISH TOGETHER. I WILL NOW TURN THINGS BACK OVER

5:43:49

TO AMBASSADOR VERVEER TO INTRODUCE THE NEXT PANEL.

5:43:54

THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH TO PRIME

5:44:06

MINISTER ANDERSSON AND TAI FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO ADVANCEMENT

5:44:12

OF CIVIC LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS. IT IS SO IMPORTANT AS WELL AS COMBATTING ONLINE HARASSMENT AND

5:44:19

ABUSE. WE ARE ALL VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND EXAMPLE IN FURTHERING THE WOMEN'S

5:44:25

MEANINGFUL AND POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT AS WE ALL BENEFIT FROM YOUR EXAMPLE.

5:44:30

WE ARE NOW GOING TO TURN TO THE FIRST PANEL WITH THE DISCUSSION

5:44:35

AND THE FOCUS OF CHAMPIONING WOMEN'S POLITICAL AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP
AS

5:44:42

THE LIFEBLOOD OF DEMOCRACY. I WILL ASK OUR PANELISTS A SERIES OF QUESTIONS THAT WILL

5:44:47

ALLOW THEM TO PROVIDE CONTEXT AND CLARITY ON HOW ESSENTIAL THE

5:44:52

ROLE OF WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IS IN POLITICAL AND CIVIC LIFE. IT IS SO IMPORTANT FOR HEALTHY

5:44:59

AND RESILIENT DEMOCRACIES. AND NOW, A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME

5:45:04

TO OUR PANELISTS. THE HONORABLE NELLY MUTTI, THE

5:45:11

SPEAKER OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF ZAMBIA. MS. PATRICIA ZANELLA, A HURTFORD

5:45:21

FELLOW FOR THE FOUNDATION OF DEMOCRACY IN BRAZIL. AND MAY SABA PHU, ACTIVIST FROM

5:45:30

BURMA. WHILE THE LEADERS HAVE MAY HAVE DIFFERENT MOTIVATIONS AND PATHS TO ENTERING
PUBLIC LIFE, THEIR

5:45:37

MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR SOCIETY'S DEMOCRATIC

5:45:43

PROGRESS AND RESILIENCE. OUR PANELISTS WILL EACH BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THEIR UNIQUE

5:45:49

PERSPECTIVES FROM THE WIDELY VARIED BACKGROUNDS AND POSITIONS THAT EACH OF THEM HOLDS.

5:45:57

WELCOME SPEAKER MUTTI, IT IS WONDERFUL TO HAVE YOU WITH US. WELCOME TO PATRICIA ZANELLA AND

5:46:18

MS. PHYU. LET ME START WITH SPEAKER MUTTI.

5:46:24

WITH THE ELECTION IN ZAMBIA IN AUGUST, IT HELPED TO RENEW THE

5:46:32

ZAMBIANS' FAITH IN DEMOCRACY. WHAT INSPIRED THIS HIGH TURNOUT, AND WHAT DO THE POLITICAL

5:46:38

PARTIES NEED TO DO TO DELIVER ON THEIR HIGHS ASPIRATIONS?

5:46:47

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUR EXCELLENCY AND PARTICIPATIONS.

5:46:53

AND LET ME THANK THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND SWEDISH GOVERNMENTS FOR HOSTING THIS

5:46:58

VERY IMPORTANT SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. WITH EMERGING TRENDS OF WHAT IS

5:47:05

DESCRIBED AS DEMOCRACY, A LOT OF ISSUES ARE STRENGTHENING

5:47:14

DEMOCRACY. WITH THIS QUESTION, LET ME INDICATE THAT ZAMBIA IS REMAINING A BEACON OF PEACE ON

5:47:21

THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, AND MODEL OF DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE GLOBE.

5:47:27

IN THE 30 YEARS THAT ZAMBIA HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE, WE HAVE HAD THREE POLITICAL PARTIES FORMING

5:47:34

GOVERNMENT AND SEVEN PRESIDENTS DURING THIS PERIOD. AND EACH TRANSITION HAS BEEN

5:47:41

PEACEFUL AND HARMONIOUS WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS AT ALL. NOW, TURNING TO THE HISTORIC

5:47:47

2021 ELECTIONS IN ZAMBIA WHICH

5:47:53

PROPELLED THE NEW PRESIDENT WAS CHARACTERIZED WITH A HUGE TURNOUT OF BOTH WOMEN AND YOUTH.

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MAINLY, THIS IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE DETERIORATING DEMOCRATIC

5:48:06

CREDENTIALS THAT THE PEOPLE WERE FACING. THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA HAD LOST HOPE AND CONFIDENCE IN THE

5:48:11

GOVERNMENT THAT WAS LEADING THEM. THE BREAKDOWN IN THE HIGH

5:48:20

CORRUPTION, AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING WERE SOME OF THE FACTORS THAT RESULTED IN THE HIGH

5:48:25

TURNOUT. BASICALLY, THE ELECTION WAS DESCRIBED BY MANY OF THE CITIZENS AS A DEFENSE OF

5:48:32

DEMOCRACY AND RESTORATION OF THE RULE OF LAW. WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT ARE THE

5:48:40

POLITICAL PARTIES AND GOVERNMENTS NEED TO DO FOR THEIR ASPIRATIONS, FOR ME, I WILL JUST

5:48:46

SAY THAT THEY NEED TO RESTORE THE VERY TENETS OF DEMOCRACY AND

5:48:52

GOOD GOVERNANCE, AND THAT IS TO RESTORE THE RULE OF LAW WHICH HAD BEEN BROKEN DOWN, AND THE

5:48:58

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION, IMPLEMENTING THE ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM,
ADDRESS

5:49:04

THE HIGH YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH IS A VERY TAXING ISSUE CURRENTLY, A LOT OF YOUTH ARE

5:49:09

NOT EMPLOYED, ANDE ED -- AND TH

5:49:16

COMPLAINING, AND THIS IS A HUGE ISSUE -- AND THE RULES OF LAW ARE THE BENCHMARKS FOR
ACHIEVING

5:49:24

THE ASPIRATIONS OF ANY GOVERNMENT. AS THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD SAY,

5:49:30

POLITICAL WILL IS THE KEY TO ALL OF THESE ASPIRATIONS. SO WE NEED TO HAVE THE GOVERNMENTS
OF POLITICAL WILL IN

5:49:38

ORDER TO ACHIEVE THE DEMOCRATIC

5:49:44

ACHIEVEMENTS THAT ARE ASPIRATIONS IN GOVERNMENT. >> THANK YOU, MADAM SPEAKER, AND

5:49:51

WE WILL BE BACK TO YOU IN A MOMENT. NOW LET ME TURN TO PATRICIA. YOU BEGAN TO ADVOCATE
FOR

5:49:57

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH, AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN BRAZIL AT A VERY YOUNG AGE.

5:50:02

AT THE AGE OF 22, YOU RAN FOR OFFICE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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WHAT SPURRED YOUR INTERESTS IN POLITICS AND ENCOURAGED YOU TO

5:50:15

ENTER THE ELECTION EFFORT? >> THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION,

5:50:27

MELANIE. FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME WORK ABOUT THE

5:50:32

WOMEN'S WORKSTATION IN MY COUNTRY. IN BRAZIL, WE HAVE LESS THAN 15%

5:50:38

OF WOMEN ELECTED. LAST YEAR DURING THE ELECTIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL, WE HAD LESS

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THAN 18% OF BLACK WOMEN ELECTED.

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EVEN WE WOMEN BEING 15% OF THE

5:51:01

GROUP. SO THIS IS MY BIGGEST MOTIVATION. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A

5:51:07

LITTLE BIT OF MY JOURNEY. I STARTED AT 19 YEARS OLD WITH

5:51:12

ACTIVIST FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE OCEANS.

5:51:17

LIVING CLOSE TO THE CITY, I THOUGHT THAT POLITICS ARE ABLE TO CREATE BARRIERS FOR THE

5:51:28

ENVIRONMENT. AND I SAW THE NECESSITY TO START VIEWING THE POLITICAL PARTY

5:51:36

ADDRESSING THE NECESSARY SHOES THAT TODAY TO BE THE HEAD OF THE

5:51:43

POLITICAL PARTY. AT THAT TIME, I WAS ENGAGED IN

5:51:48

TRAINING WOMEN FOR BEING

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EMPOWERED. I WAS THE HIGHEST POSITION OF THE PARTY FOR WOMEN LEADERSHIP.

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I WAS ABLE TO TRAINING WOMEN

5:52:05

AROUND MY AGE FOR RAISING THE

5:52:11

EQUALITY OF THE WOMEN ENGAGED IN MAKING RULES. SO AFTER THREE YEARS OF

5:52:16

POLITICAL PARTY ENGAGEMENT, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAM TO TRAIN

5:52:24

FUTURE LEADERS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS. IN THIS PROGRAM, I MEET MY

5:52:31

PARTNERS AND WE START TO LEARN ABOUT POVERTY.

5:52:37

THIS TOUCHES US. SO WE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING TOGETHER TO CHANGE IT.

5:52:48

SO WE CREATED A BUSINESS MODEL, AND THE FIRST 100% OF

5:52:55

BIODEGRADABLE SANITARY PADS MANUFACTURED IN BRAZIL. SO WE WERE GIVEN ACCESS FOR

5:53:02

SUSTAINABLE HEALTH AND AFFORDABLE

5:53:10

AND THE POLITICAL CAMP WAS COMING AND OF THE POLITICAL

5:53:16

LEADERSHIP IN MY POLITICAL PARTY, I NEEDED TO DECIDE WHO DO YOU SUPPORT.

5:53:23

SO I START SEARCHING FOR A ROLE MODEL FOR A STRONG PARTY TO

5:53:31

SUPPORT. AND THERE WERE NO WOMEN CANDIDATES. WITH THOSE SKILLS AND THE

5:53:41

ENVIRONMENT FOR RIGHTS. SO, I NOTICED THAT THE ONLY WAY

5:53:49

IT BECAME THIS MOMENT. SO, I DECIDED TO RUN FOR THE CONGRESS. >> GOOD FOR YOU, PATRICIA.

5:53:55

AND I'M SURE YOU'RE ENCOURAGING SO MANY OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE WATCHING.

5:54:01

AND LISTENING TO YOU. TO DO THE SAME THING.

5:54:09

MAY SABB, BASED ON YOUR CAREER AS AN ACTIVIST IN BURMA, WITH

5:54:15

THE ETHNIC DIVIDE, SOMETHING I KNOW A GREAT DEAL ABOUT YOUR WORK THERE IS WHY IS WOMEN'S

5:54:21

REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP IMPORTANT AS BOTH INFORMAL AND FORMAL PEACE AND NEGOTIATION PROCESSES?

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, AMBASSADOR

5:54:35

MELANNE. IN ALL OF THE ROLES OF PEACE RECONCILIATION PROCESSES, NOT

5:54:40

ONLY EXCLUSIVENESS AND DIVERSITY, BUT ALSO HELPS

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FLOURISH THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE OF PROVIDING A CHANNEL FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE TO HAVE

5:54:52

THEIR INTERESTS AND VOICES REPRESENTED IN PART.

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SO WOMEN REPRESENT OVER 50% OF THE POPULATION IN THE WORLD. BUT STILL UNDERREPRESENTED IN

5:55:03

THE POSITION MAKING SPACES. BECAUSE OF THESE POSITIONS REGARDING PEACE AND

5:55:09

RECONCILIATION PROCESSES HAVE FAR-REACHING IMPACTS ON WOMEN

5:55:14

AND GIRL'S LIVES. WOMEN AND GIRLS BEAR THE BRUNT OF CONSEQUENCES.

5:55:20

AND THEIR EXPERIENCES ARE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE OF THEIR MALE COUNTERPARTS THEREFORE, THEY MUST BE REPRESENTED.

5:55:25

IN THE LEADERSHIP AND OFFICIAL-MAKING POSITIONS AND PEACEMAKING AND EFFORTS TO SHAPE

5:55:32

THEIR OWN FUTURE AND PUSH THEIR OWN AGENDA. WHO KNOWS BETTER THAN THE WOMAN

5:55:40

WHO DEVELOPES IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT WOULD IMPROVE THEIR

5:55:47

SAFETY. SIMILARLY, OUR BELIEF THAT THE LOCAL PEOPLE ARE BEST

5:55:55

CONGREGATED FROM THE LOCAL PEOPLE THEMSELVES. THEREFORE -- IT IS A FUNDAMENTAL

5:56:01

HUMAN RIGHT OF WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPHERE.

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WOMEN HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT WITH RESPECT TO PEACEMAKING AND

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CONSTITUTION-MAKING NEGOTIATIONS, AS WELL AS THE EXECUTION OF FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.

5:56:19

BUT MORE AND MORE DEEPLY, WOMEN CAN INFLUENCE AND SHAPE THE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

5:56:24

PROCESS. THE GREATER THE CHANCE THAT THE PEACE AGREEMENT WILL BE ACHIEVED AND THESE PEOPLE ARE TO BE

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COMMENDED. ALTHOUGH WOMEN'S INCLUSION IS USUALLY CONTESTED, THE PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN WITHIN

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PEACE PROCESSES, OVERALL PROCESS

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TO CREATE CORE OUTCOMES. IT'S BEEN WELL DOCUMENTED WHEN WOMEN ARE MEANINGFULLY INCLUDED,

5:56:54

SUCCESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED. WITH THE ANALYSIS OF WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN PEACE PROCESSES

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THAT SHOWS THAT, PEACE PROCESSES THAT INCLUDES WOMEN AS

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WITNESSES, SIGNIFIATORES AND ADMINISTRATORS IN THE PEACE

5:57:17

AGREEMENT LASTING ING AT LEAST YEARS. THIS INCREASES OVER TIME WITH

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THE 5% INCREASE WITH THE PEACE AGREEMENT LASTING 15 YEARS.

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AND HAVING A WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP IN KEY POLITICAL PROCESSES,

5:57:34

ESPECIALLY WHERE PEACE DIALOGUE IS CRUCIAL FOR MORE PEACE.

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THANK YOU. >> CERTAINLY AN EVIDENCE-BASED CASE THAT YOU LAID OUT, THANK YOU FOR THAT.

5:57:46

NOW, BACK TO SPEAKER MUTTI. WOMEN MAKE UP OVER HALF THE

5:57:52

POPULATION IN ZAMBIA, BUT HOLD ONLY 15% OF THE SEATS IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

5:57:58

HOW WILL YOU ACHIEVE YOUR PLEDGE TO MEET THE GENDER PARITY

5:58:05

BENCHMARKS THAT ARE MANDATED BY THE SADC AND THE AFRICAN UNION? AND HOW CAN LOCAL AND

5:58:14

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS BEST SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS? >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. INDEED, YOU ARE RIGHT, WOMEN

5:58:20

MAKE UP OVER 50% OF THE ZAMBIAN POPULATION.

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BUT, HOWEVER, A SPECIAL COMMUNITY IN ZAMBIA HAS

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GENERALLY BE LOW. DESPITE ZAMBIA A NUMBER OF CONVENTIONS AND REGIONAL

5:58:39

PROTOCOLS, THE COMPANY HAS LED IN CITY AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

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THIS IS A TRIBUTE TO THE LOW NUMBER OF WOMEN IN ZAMBIA

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ELECTED TO POLITICAL POSITIONS, PARTICULARLY AT PARLIAMENT AND

5:58:54

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVELS. THE PROFESSIONAL WOMEN LEVELS MIGHT NOT INCREASE FROM 6.7% IN

5:59:01

1964, WHEN WE JUST GOT OUR INDEPENDENCE TO 10.6% IN 1996.

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AND 15.3 IN 2011. HOWEVER BETWEEN 2011 AND 2021,

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DECLINED FROM 9.2 TO ONLY 15%.

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WHICH IS ABOUT 9%-OUT OF THAT,

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1,456 AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL WERE HELD BY WOMEN. THE STATISTICS SHOWED THAT

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ZAMBIA HAS NOT CHANGED THE AFRICAN UNION.

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AND AT LEAST 50% WOMEN IN DECISIONMAKING POSITIONS.

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MY APPOINTMENT WAS THE FIRST

6:00:01

SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT OF ZAMBIA, I THINK IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION IN THE GENDER.

6:00:08

MY IMMEDIATE AGENDA IS TO CHAMPION CONDITIONAL REFORM TO

6:00:17

PROVIDE FOR WOMEN IN POLITICS. I BELIEVE THIS HAS ACHIEVED --

6:00:23

THIS HAS ACHIEVED SOME RESULTS. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST THAT
PRESCRIBING

6:00:34

IN THE CONSTITUTION WHAT WE NEED IS PARAMOUNT TO INCREASING THE

6:00:39

NUMBER OF WOMEN. AND ANOTHER MATTER USED BY

6:00:46

POLITICAL FACETS WERE ELECTED POSITIONS. IT IS MY DESIRE AND WISH THAT

6:00:55

THROUGH THE VARIOUS, THE NEED TO

6:01:00

INCORPORATE FOR BOTH FEMALE AND MALE CANDIDATES IN THEIR

6:01:06

CONSTITUENTS. THE ZAMBIAN PARLIAMENT HAS

6:01:13

ZAMBIAN WOMEN WHICH IS A GROUP

6:01:19

WORKING TOWARDS GENDER EQUITY. IT WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1997.

6:01:25

THE ZAMBIA WOMEN FOR CAUCUS IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM.

6:01:31

AND UNDER MY CHARGE, I ENSURE THAT BOTH LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF

6:01:37

THE ZAMBIA WOMEN FOCUS IN ORDER

6:01:42

TO ADDRESS THE MANY CHALLENGES THAT WOMEN FACE. SUCH AS SEXUAL HARASSMENT, CYBERBULLYING AND WHAT I CALL

6:01:49

FAKE NEWS SYNDROME. THERE'S A LOT OF FAKE NEWS ABOUT

6:01:55

WOMEN GOING ON SOCIAL MEDIA AT THE MOMENT. EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION FOR

6:02:01

EXISTING POLICIES AND LAWS FOR WOMEN IS MY OTHER PRIORITY, AS

6:02:07

THE COUNTRY HAS ADEQUATE LAWS BUT HAS SUFFERED. WE HAVE PROVISIONS IN THE

6:02:14

CONSTITUTION. WE HAVE AN AGENDA. WHAT WE HAVE NOT FORMED IS A

6:02:21

COMMISSION, THE GENDER COMMISSION, BUT EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE GENDER LAWS, BUT THE

6:02:27

ONLY CHALLENGE THAT WE SEE IS IMPLEMENTATION IS LACKING.

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SO BASICALLY A GREAT MYSTERY.

6:02:38

THIS NARRATIVE HAS TO CHANGE AS TO BE ABLE TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN

6:02:43

STAY CONNECTED, BUT IN THEIR DECISIONMAKING POSITIONS, AND

6:02:49

ALSO WE ACHIEVE THE REQUIRED GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY IN

6:02:55

OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU. >> WELL, THANK YOU, SPEAKER MUTTI. AND ALL OF THE BEST THAT YOU

6:03:02

WORKED TO OVERCOME THE CHALLENGES THAT ARE NOT UNIQUE TO ZAMBIA, BUT ARE CERTAINLY CHALLENGES IN MANY OTHER PLACES

6:03:08

AS WELL. PATRICIA, I KNOW LIKE SO MANY

6:03:14

WHO MAKE THAT FIRST ATTEMPT TO RUN FOR OFFICE, YOU WERE NOT

6:03:19

SUCC SUCCESSFUL IN ACHIEVING THE OFFICE.

6:03:24

BUT YOU GOT A VERY IMPRESSIVE 10,000 VOTES. ARE YOU PLANNING TO RUN AGAIN?

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AND YOU CAN TELL US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT THE EXPERIENCE HAS TAUGHT YOU?

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>> I -- DURING MY CAMPAIGN, MY FIRST CAMPAIGN, I LEARNED HOW

6:03:51

ACT ACTUALLY HOW EVERYTHING WORKS.

6:03:56

JUST, FOR EXAMPLE, AS A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, DURING

6:04:06

FOUR OR FIVE DAYS. SO, I'M A YOUNG WOMEN WITHOUT THIS KIND OF ACCESS AND

6:04:12

RESEARCH. HOW DO YOU FACE THESE?

6:04:18

SO, ONE THING THAT I LEARNED WAS THE POWER OF SOCIAL MEDIA.

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SO I DECIDED TO DO MY PART AN

6:04:30

ONLINE CAMPAIGN. THAT ALLOWS ME TO AFFECT A LOT OF PEOPLE.

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BESIDES THAT, YES, IT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO BE ELECTED. SO, I LEARNED THAT DOESN'T

6:04:45

MATTER HOW MUCH TIME IS NEEDED.

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YOU NEED TO BE STRONG AND CONTINUE FIGHTING FOR YOUR

6:04:56

DREAM. I BELIEVE THAT TO SEE A REAL

6:05:01

DEMOCRACY IN MY COUNTRY, WE NEEDED TO SEND THIS SCENARIO SO

6:05:08

I WILL CHANGE AND RUN AGAIN. AND I ALSO RUN, I RUN LAST YEAR

6:05:13

TO BECOME A CITY COUNCIL. AND I WAS NOT ELECTED YET. BUT I STILL KEEP TRYING AND

6:05:25

FIELDING TO INCREASE. THANK YOU. >> YOU KEEP TRYING, PATRICIA, AND YOU ARE INSPIRING ALL OF US.

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AND NOW BACK TO MAYSABE, THIS IS

6:05:37

A VERY DIFFICULT TIME IN BURMA. AND WOMEN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS

6:05:44

ARE OFTEN DELIBERATELY TARGETED AS THE CIVIC AND POLITICAL SPACE BEGINS TO CONSTRICT.

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THE Q THE COUP IN BURMA HAS LED TO --

6:06:01

ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN, WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER WOMEN, CIVIL AND POLITICAL

6:06:07

ACTIVISTS, THAT ARE OPERATING IN THIS KIND OF RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT? AND HOW CAN THE INTERNATIONAL

6:06:14

PARTNERS HELP SUPPORT PEOPLE IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES? >> YES. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR

6:06:20

QUESTION. THE MILITARY HUNTER HAS

6:06:25

UNLEASHED ITS DECADES OLD VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND

6:06:31

GIRLS. BUT THE MAGNITUDE OF VIOLENCE HAS INCREASED MIGHTIFUL.

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DESPITE THE CHALLENGE, WOMEN FIND WAYS TO RESIST STAKING A

6:06:46

CLAIM, WHILE THE CREDIT FAILURES AND NORMS. THEY SHOW UP EVERY DAY FOR HUMAN

6:06:58

LIFE OFFENDERS AND WITHIN THE INFLUENCE. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE BEEN

6:07:06

COLLECTIVELY A COALITION AND MOVEMENT, BUILDING AN IMPORTANT BRIDGE BETWEEN DIVERSE GROUPS

6:07:11

WITH DIFFERENT GROUND, AND POLITICAL LEANINGS TO HAVE COLLECTIVE ACTION.

6:07:17

WOMEN HAVE BEEN SHADOWING MESSAGES WITH AGENDAS, TO KEEP

6:07:22

IT AND ALSO BRINGING THE PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVES. AND THEY END UP THE MOST

6:07:30

RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT. MY ADVICE TO WOMEN CIVIC AND

6:07:38

ACTIVISTS IS TO BURY THE RULES AS CRUCIAL. AND NO ONE KNOWS IT BETTER, EVEN

6:07:46

THOUGH THE SITUATION IS GROWING AND REGIONAL AND LASTLY, DRAW

6:07:57

STRENGTH THAT HAVE SIMILAR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES. IN ADDITION, A COMMUNITY THAT

6:08:02

TRULY WANTS TO HELP MIRAMAR GET

6:08:09

BACK. A FEW POWERFUL COUNTRIES WANT TO

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SEE THAT THE CRISIS IS JUST AN INTERNAL AFFAIR. THIS IS A MISCONCEPTION.

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TODAY, THE PEACEKEEPER OF M

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MYANMAR IS AFFECTING PUBLIC HEALTH AND COVID HEALTH MANAGEMENT AND WE LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT THAT, ALL THAT IS

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CONFRONTING MIRAMAR TODAY HAS ITS ROOTS IN ALLOWING THE CULTURE OF IMPUNITY FOR THE

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MILITARY. FAILURE TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST THE MILITARY, WHEN BACK IN THE

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'60s, IT'S BEEN EXPLICITLY THE IMPUNITY. AT THE OPERATIONAL LEVEL, I'D

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LIKE TO ASK THE COMMUNITY TO BE

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NOT ONLY ON PAPER, BUT IN THEIR ACTIONS EVEN TO PROVIDE FOR THE

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SEXUAL VIOLENCE, THE RESTRICTIONS AND REGULATIONS ARE

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OF INTEREST. THE NATION AND COMMUNITY CAN SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S NEEDS FOR

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WHAT IT TAKES TO GET GENUINE INPUT FROM SOCIETIES AND WHAT

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KIND OF INTERVENTION THEY NEED. INTERVENTION OF COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT AT THE OUTSET.

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IN DOING SO, THIS WILL EMPOWER THE LOCAL POPULATION WHO ARE

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AFTER THE MAIN ACTORS DELIVERING THE PROTECTION AND STRENGTHENING

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THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> THANK YOU, MAY SABA, AND

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THANK YOU FOR THAT CALL TO ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE IN BURMA AND MYANMAR.

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THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND TO OUR MARVELOUS PANELISTS

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TO SPEAKER MUTTI AND PATRICIA

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Z ZANELLA. >>> AT THIS POINT, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A VERY SHORT BREAK BEFORE WE COMMENCE
OUR SECOND

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PANEL WHICH WILL RECONVENE VERY, VERY SOON.

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>>> WELCOME BACK, EVERYONE. BEFORE WE BEGIN OUR SECOND PANEL, I'D LIKE TO CALL YOUR

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ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING VIDEO PRESENTATION THAT WAS PRODUCED BY OUR SWEDISH CO-HOST.

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AS YOU'LL SEE, IT ADDRESSES MANY OF THE TOPICS AND CHALLENGES THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING TODAY.

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PLEASE TAKE A LOOK.

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>>> ENOUGH, ONLY 10% ARE WOMEN.

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>> IN MY COUNTRY, GIRLS ARE SOMETIMES MARRIED BEFORE THE AGE OF 10.

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>> WHERE I LIVE, MANY WOMEN DON'T HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY.

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>> IN MY COUNTRY, GIRLS DON'T HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES. >> WHERE I LIVE, WOMEN AND MEN

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ARE STILL GETTING PAID DIFFERENTLY FOR THE SAME JOBS. >> WOMEN AND GIRLS MAKE UP 10%

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OF SOCIETY AND 50% OF THE

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RESOURCES. >> I WANT MY DAUGHTER TO HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS HER BROTHER AND I DON'T WANT HER TO

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BE AFRAID OF ANYTHING. >> ONLY 25% OF THE WORLD'S PARLIAMENTARIANS ARE WOMEN.

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IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST ANOTHER 50 YEARS FOR POLITICS TO BECOME

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GENDER EQUAL. THESE INJUSTICES CONCERN US ALL. EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES IN LIFE.

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BE ABLE TO FOLLOW THEIR DREAMS. REALIZE THEIR POTENTIAL. PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY.

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AND SHAPE THEIR OWN FUTURE. WILL YOU JOIN US?

6:17:15

WHERE ARE THE WOMEN? WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE ROLE IN PEACE AND ENDING WAR. AND WE NEED TO STAND UP TO THOSE

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WHO THINK WOMEN ARE A THREAT.

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>> EQUAL FOR EVERYONE. >> WOMEN EDUCATE THEMSELVES AND BE FREE.

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>> WHAT IS BEST. >> FOR EVERYONE.

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>> THANK YOU, TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SWEDEN FOR THAT POWERFUL VIDEO.

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OUR SECOND PANEL ADDRESSES GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS, COUNTERING

6:18:04

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN ALL. THIS ISSUE IS A PRIORITY TO THE

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BIDEN/HARRIS ADMINISTRATION. AND IT'S VERY RELEVANT TO OUR DISCUSSIONS TODAY. DURING THIS PANEL, WE DISCUSS

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THE ROLE OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AS A BARRIER TO THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN

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POLITICAL AND PUBLIC LIFE. THEREFORE, TO THE HEALTH OF DEMOCRACY. OUR PANELISTS WILL FOCUS ON

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DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE ISSUE. INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF GVB.

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ON JOURNALISTS, HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND POLITICAL CANDIDATES. AND HOW THE GOVERNMENT,

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INCLUDING LAW ENFORCEMENT, CAN MORE EFFECTIVELY TAKE ACTION TO ADDRESS GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN

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POLITICAL AND PUBLIC LIFE. OUR PANELISTS ARE BAFANA CKHUMAO

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WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF SONKE

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GENDER JUSTICE AND MEN. DANICA ROEM WHO SERVED IN THE

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VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES. AND SEO JI-HYUN WHO SERVES IN

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THE TASK FORCE OF SOUTH KOREA.

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MR. KHUMALO, YOU ARE A LONGTIME CHAMPION AND LEADER OF VIOLENCE

6:19:37

IN GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE IN SOUTH AFRICA. WHAT MADE YOU GET INVOLVED IN THIS ISSUE?

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>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AMBASSADOR, CONGRATULATIONS TO

6:19:49

THE PRIME MINISTER. THIS WORK IS VERY IMPORTANT, OF COURSE, THIS SUMMIT IS IN GOOD

6:19:59

TIME, BECAUSE ITS TOPIC IS VERY CRUCIAL. I GOT INVOLVED IN THIS WORK THROUGH MY BASE AS SOCIAL

6:20:05

ACTIVIST FOR JUSTICE IN SOUTH AFRICA. MOUNTING AND STARTING THE CASE

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OF HEINOUS CRIME OF APARTHEID

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AND IN THAT STRUGGLE, I WAS ALONGSIDE WITH WOMEN,

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COLLEAGUES, WHO WERE ON THE SIDE OF THIS INJUSTICE. WHILE CONFRONTED BY THE

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QUESTIONS, THEY ASKED QUESTIONS TRUE OF THE LEADERSHIP AT THE TIME. WHY IS IT WHEN WE ELECT

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LEADERSHIP FOR THIS MOVEMENT OR

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POLITICAL COUNT WOMEN WERE LEFT BEHIND. WOMEN WERE KEPT AS SECRETARIES

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FOR MINUTES AND NOT IN THEIR OWN RIGHT FOR EDUCATED POSITIONS. I THOUGHT THIS WAS WRONG.

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WOMEN WERE TAKING JUST AS MUCH RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE STRUGGLE AGAINST APARTHEID AND THEREFORE

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NEEDED TO GET RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP. I STARTED READING AROUND THIS

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AND FEMINISM CAUGHT UP WITH ME AND HAS NEVER LEFT ME. I FELT A LOT MUCH MORE HUMANE

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FOR MY COMMITMENT TO GENDER JUSTICE IN THE WORLD. I THINK IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT WOMEN SHOULD ALSO PLAY THEIR

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PART AND ARE QUALIFIED TO STATE

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GOVERNANCE THAT THEY DESERVE AS LEADERS IN OUR SOCIETY. >> WELL, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND

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PARTICIPATION BECAUSE MALE ALLIES ARE SO CRITICAL IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THESE ISSUES.

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AND WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU AS SOON AS WE TALK TO THE OTHERS AS WELL. DELEGATE ROEM, YOU ARE A PIONEER

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AS THE FIRST OPENLY TRANSGENDER LEGISLATOR UNIN THE UNITED STAT,

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SERVING IN YOUR THIRD TERM IN OFFICE. HOW HAVE YOU BEEN ABLE TO USE YOUR POSITION TO ADVOCACY FOR

6:22:01

INCLUSIVE AND INTERSECTIONAL POLICIES FOR PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO GENDER-BASED

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VIOLENCE. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. GREAT TO SEE YOU.

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AS A STATE LEGISLATURE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, TO ADVOCATE AGAINST GENDER-BASED

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VIOLENCE FOR EXAMPLE, MAKING A STATEMENT CONTRARY TO PROHIBIT WHAT IS CALLS THE LGBT PANIC

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EVENT AS A REASON TO CONVINCE THAT JUDGE OR JURY THAT IT WAS OKAY TO ASSAULT OR KILL THAT PERSON FOR SIMPLY EXISTING AS AN

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LGBTQ PERSON. IT'S INHERENTLY BASED ON SEX. AND THE REASON I SAY THAT IS, ONE OF THE THINGS WE LOOK AT IT,

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IF YOU'RE INTERACTING IN A WAY THAT IS BASICALLY DIFFERENT, BASICALLY GENDER STEREOTYPE OR

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GENDER CONFORMITY, IN TERMS OF TRADITIONAL ROLES, MASCULINE, ET

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CETERA, BASED ON PEOPLE'S PERCEPTION OTHER THAN BASED ON YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE, SO IT IS

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THAT PERSON'S JUDGMENT WHEN THEY ACT TOWARD YOU, OR THEY HURT OR KILL YOU, FOR
EXAMPLE.

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SO FOR US GETTING THAT DONE IN VIRGINIA ON THE HEELS OF COLORADO HAVING DONE IT BEFORE.
WELL, WE WERE IMMEDIATELY

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FOLLOWED BY MARYLAND PASSING A SIMILAR LAW. BY OREGON PASSING A SIMILAR LAW.

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AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, ESPECIALLY HERE IN VIRGINIA, IT'S NOT JUST SOMETHING THAT WE

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DID BECAUSE IT FELT GOOD. SOMETHING WE DID BECAUSE WE NEEDED TO DO IT.

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AND THE VERY SHORT STORY ON THIS ABOUT TWO MONTHS AFTER THE GOVERNOR SIGNED THAT BILL
INTO

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LAW. THERE WAS A HORRIFIC MURDER OF A

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LGBTQ PERSON IN SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA. AND THE ATTORNEY WAS TELLING REPORTERS EVEN
THOUGH THEY DON'T

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THINK ANYONE SHOULD BE MURDERED, BUT THEY WERE DECEIVING BECAUSE OF DEALING WITH
LGBTQ PEOPLE.

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BECAUSE OF THE BILL WE PASSED A JUDGE WOULD HAVE TO GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JURY
BROUGHT

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INTO THE COURTROOM THAT CANNOT AFFECT THAT ONE WAY ARE 0 THE OTHER. PEOPLE THAT BILL AND MAYOR

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MURPHY, TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PRIOR HISTORIES OF SEXUAL

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ASSAULT WITH FIREARMS AND IN TERMS OF MAKING CLERGY -- ESPECIALLY ON OTHER SUBJECT, BUT

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I THINK WE HAVE ACTUALLY BEGUN DOING THE WORK OF ACTUALLY

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ADDRESSING THE GENDER BIAS IN COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA. I THINK IT CAN BE USED AS A

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NATIONWIDE MODEL TO MAKE OUR COMMONWEALTH AND REALLY THE WHOLE STATE A LOT SAFER TO BE

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IN. >> THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. AND LET'S HOPE THAT INDEED

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OTHERS CAN FOLLOW ENSURING THE SAME KIND OF PROGRESS. WE'RE GOING TO TURN NOW TO

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PROSECUTOR SEO JI-HYUN.

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IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU. YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SPEAK OUT

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ABOUT SEXUAL ASSAULT IN THE WORKPLACE. AND YOU HAVE LAUNCHED THE ME TOO IN SOUTH KOREA. SINCE YOU SPOKE OUT IT WOULD BE

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GOOD TO KNOW HOW THE CLIMATE IN SOUTH KOREA HAS SHIFTED, HAS IT SHIFTED AT ALL? AND WHAT BARRIERS REMAIN FOR

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WOMEN SEEKING TO SERVE IN LEADERSHIP LEVELS IN THE JUDICIARY SYSTEM, FOR EXAMPLE? >> HELLO, EVERYONE.

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IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO BE AT THIS EVENT.

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MY NAME IS SEO JI-HYUN. I'M A PROSECUTOR IN SOUTH KOREA.

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AND IN JANUARY 2018, I APPEARED ON LIVE TV NEWS. I TALKED ABOUT THE SEXUAL ABUSE

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I SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF A SENIOR PROSECUTE AT A FUNERAL OF

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THE THEN JUSTICE. AT THE MOMENT, I HAD NO IDEA HOW MY INTERVIEW WOULD BE VIEWED BY

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GENDER POVERTY, BECAUSE AGAIN IN SOUTH KOREA, A WOMAN WHO

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PUBLICLY TALKED ABOUT HER OWN EXPERIENCE WITH SEXUAL ABUSE WAS

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NEARLY UNHEARD OF. WOMEN WERE COMPLETELY SHAMED AND

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SILENCED. BUT TO MY GREAT SURPRISE, AFTER I CAME FORWARD, I WAS APPLAUDED

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BY THE MESSAGES FROM SO MANY PEOPLE. THEY TOLD ME THAT MY REVELATIONS

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SHOCKED THEM AND, OF COURSE, SOCIETY. PROSECUTORS ARE REGARDED AS ONE

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OF THE MOST POWERFUL PROFESSIONALS IN SOUTH KOREA. SO MANY PEOPLE SAID THEY WOULD

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NEVER IMAGINE THAT EVEN A PROSECUTOR COULD BE AFFORD OF

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SEXUAL ABUSE. I SHOWED THEM THAT THEY COULD BE

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FORCED INTO SEXUAL ABUSE IF THAT PERSON WAS A WOMEN.

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AND COULD BE FORCED INTO SILENCE FOR NEARLY 80 YEARS.

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AND THEN CAME FORWARD UNDER THE BANNER OF ME TOO. AND THERE ARE STORIES OF BEING

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SEXUALLY ASSAULTED. SOUTH KOREA'S ME TOO CAMPAIGN IS

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ARGUABLY THE MOST VIBRANT AND

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VIGOROUS IN ASIA AND BEYOND. BUT THE GROWING VOICE FOR WOMEN,

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AND MANY SAY NOT ONLY HAS SOUTH KOREA ALREADY ACHIEVED THE TRUE GENDER EQUALITY, BUT ALSO SOUTH

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KOREAN WOMEN HAVE FAR MORE ABILITIES FOR MEN AND ALL

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POLICIES FOR WOMEN SHOULD BE ABOLISHED. BUT SOUTH KOREA REALLY ACHIEVED

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TRUE GENDER EQUALITY OR HAVING ANY CONCEPT OF THE WORD, I

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CANNOT SPEAK TO THE SITUATION IN OTHER COUNTRIES BUT I CAN TELL YOU THAT SOUTH KOREA STILL HAS A

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LONG, LONG WAY TO GO. SOUTH KOREA HAS THE HIGHEST

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GENDER PAY GAP IN ALL OF THE MEMBER NATIONS. SOUTH KOREA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY

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AMONG THE NATION TO HAVE A GENDER GAP. OVER THE YEAR, SOUTH KOREA

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OVERHAULED PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THE TWO CANDIDATES PROMISED THAT

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THEY WOULD MENTOR THE MINISTRY OF GENDER EQUALITY.

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AND THEY ALSO AVOIDED TALKING ABOUT ISSUES -- AS YOU CAN SEE,

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UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN AFTER THE ME TOO MOVEMENT, THE FATE OF WOMEN

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IN SOUTH KOREA HAS NOT BEEN IMPROVED SO MUCH. THANK YOU. >> WELL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE.

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AND THE JOURNEY TO GENDER EQUALITY IS STILL ONE WE ARE CONFRONTING ALL OVER THE WORLD.

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SO, CONTINUE YOUR EFFORTS.

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MR. KHUMALO, BACK TO YOU, TALK TO US ABOUT HOW YOU SEE THE

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IMPORTANCE OF MALE ALLIES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST GENDER-BASED

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VIOLENCE AND YOUR OWN WORDS TO TRANSFORM GENDER MASCULINITY?

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WHAT APPROACHES HAVE YOU FOUND MOST EFFECTIVE? >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, I THINK YOU SUMMED IT UP WITH YOUR LAST

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COMMENT THERE'S STILL A LONG WAY TO GO.

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I TRY TO ASK QUESTIONS SOMETIMES ASKED BY MEN WHICH SEEMS TO

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SUGGEST THE NEED TO TRANSFORM GENDER RELATIONS IS A ZERO SUM

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GAME. WE HAVE FRONT END PRIVILEGES AS

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MEN AND WE NEED TO RID OURSELVES OF THOSE SO WE HAVE A FAIRER ADVANCEMENT OF EVERYONE
IN

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SOCIETY. WITH OUR PARTNERS BASED IN

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WASHINGTON WE RUN A CAMPAIGN BUT

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SERVE AS MODELS FOR THEIR CHILDREN AS WELL. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT AS WELL WITH MEN, WE
PROVIDE THE SUPPORT

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IN OUR HOMES. MEANS WOMEN HAVE THE ABILITY TO ADVANCE THEMSELVES PERSONALLY,

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BECAUSE WOMEN CARRY A LOT OF BURDEN IN CARE WORK GENERALLY IN THE WORLD. AND THROUGH
THIS PROGRAM, WE'RE

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ENCOURAGING FOR GOVERNMENTS IN

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SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS. THIS MAKES A LOT OF DIFFERENCE

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BECAUSE MEN WHO PARTICIPATE EARLY IN THE LIVES OF THEIR CHILDREN AND ARE SUPPORTIVE TO

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THEIR PARTNERS ARE LESS PRONE TO BE VIOLENT IN THEIR RELATIONSHIPS. AND SO IT PROVIDES VERY
GOOD

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HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR WOMEN, FOR MEN, AND FOR THE CHILDREN.

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WE THINK THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE WHEN MEN HAVE A ROLE IN

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THE CARE WORK IT PROVIDES A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD, AND THEN WE CAN PARTNER WITH MEN AND WOMEN

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TO MOVING TO THE NEXT LEVEL OF CALLING FOR A FAIRER POSITION IN

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THE WORKPLACE WHERE WE DWELL ON THIS PHENOMENON OF WOMEN BEING

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PAID LESS WHEN THEY'RE DOING EQUAL WORK IN THE WORK SPACE. AND WHEN WE DO THIS, WE FIND

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MOST MEN ARE INCENTIVIZED TO SEE HOW THIS IMPROVES THEIR

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RELATIONSHIPS. WHEN MEN PROVIDE THIS APPOINTMENT, WOMEN FEEL MUCH

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MORE LOVING AT HOME. AND WHEN MEN PLAY THIS ROLE, THERE'S A MUCH MORE CLOSER

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RELATIONSHIP WITH THEIR CHILDREN. SO THERE'S A LOT THAT WE BENEFITED MEN BY SIMPLY BEING

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AVAILABLE, PROVIDEING DEEPER SUPPORT FOR CARE WORK IN OUR

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HOME SPACES SO THAT WE ALSO PLAY A LOT OF IMPORTANT ROLES BEING PRESENT IN THE LIVES OF OUR

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CHILDREN. >> THAT'S SO IMPORTANT THAT CONCEPT OF CO-BENEFICIARIES,

6:33:01

THAT MEN BENEFIT WHEN THEY UNDERTAKE THE KINDS OF THINGS YOU'VE BEEN DISCUSSING WITH US.

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SO, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR INSPIRING WORK. THAT OTHERS CAN EMULATE.

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DELEGATE ROEM, LET'S GO BACK TO YOU. GENDER HARASSMENT, ABUSE, AND

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EVEN PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST

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CEUS GENDER WOMEN ARE TOO OFTEN THE COST OF GETTING INVOLVED,

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AND MUCH OF THIS VIOLENCE IS BEING PERPETRATED ONLINE. ARE THERE LIVED EXPERIENCES

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MANAGING THESE THREATS THAT YOU CAN SHARE WITH US, WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DIRECTLY IMPACTED, SO THAT

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WE MIGHT BETTER UNDERSTAND HOW SIGNIFICANT ONLINE HARASSMENT

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CAN BE EXPERIENCED. AND HOW GOVERNMENTS, THE TECH

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SECTOR, CIVIL SOCIETY, ALL PARTIES, CAN DO A BETTER JOB,

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WORKING TOGETHER TO ACTIVELY ADDRESS THE SCOURGE AND PROMOTE ONCE AND FOR ALL, INCLUSIVE AND

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DEMOCRATIC LAWS ONLINE. >> YES. JUST TO START WITH, IN GENERAL, THE SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITE WHERE

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PEOPLE ACTUALLY HAVE SO MANY OF THESE INTERACTIONS IN THE FIRST PLACE, THESE ARE FOR PROFIT

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ENTITIES. AND THE FIRST THING THAT I THINK ANYONE HAS TO RECOGNIZE FROM THIS IS THAT AS LONG AS PEOPLE

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ARE WILLING TO PUT MONEY IN FRONT OF LIVES, ACTUALLY

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STANDING AGAINST DISINFORMATION WHICH I THINK IS ONE OF THE WORST THINGS THAT'S ACTUALLY

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HAPPENING THAT ERODING DEMOCRACY RIGHT NOW, JUST FROM THE

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PERSPECTIVE OF REPORTER TURNED LEGISLATOR IN MY CASE. WHAT I WOULD SUGGEST IS THAT

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ADVERTISERS NEED TO ACTUALLY STEP UP AND BE WILLING TO PULL THEIR REVENUE FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

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PLATFORMS THAT ACTIVELY ALLOW DISINFORMATION. ACTIVELY ALLOW VIOLENCE TO

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PERPETUATE. AND ACTIVELY ALMOST JUST TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE WORST OF THE

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WORST THAT WE SEE. BECAUSE HERE'S THE THING, YES, THERE IS ABSOLUTELY A ROLE FOR

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GOVERNMENT TO PLAY IN TERMS OF WORKING WITH TECH SECTORS AND

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ESPECIALLY REGARDING DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS THAT YOU'VE SEEN WITH COVID-19, FOR

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EXAMPLE, YOU'LL SEE A VERY QUICK RESPONSE ON ENGLISH-SPEAKING PLATFORMS BUT NOT NECESSARILY ON

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OTHER LANGUAGES ON THE SAME EXACT SOCIAL MEDIA SITE, BECAUSE OF THE WAY PEOPLE WHO ARE

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RUNNING THOSE SITES ARE ACTUALLY TARGETING THOSE AND IDENTIFYING THOSE IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND TO HAVE A REVIEW, IT'S MUCH,

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MUCH SLOWER IN THAT CASE TO OTHER, YOU KNOW, LANGUAGES WHICH MEANS THEY'RE ALLOWING OTHER

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PEOPLE TO BASICALLY CARRY EITHER A MESSAGE OF HATE OR A MESSAGE

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OF DISINFORMATION TO OTHER POPULATIONS INCLUDING VERY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS THAT

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COULD VERY WELL BE JUST AS SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISINFORMATION AND TO HATE THAN ANYONE ELSE.

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SO THAT'S THE FIRST THING I WOULD SAY, IS THAT IF YOU'RE AN ADVERTISER AND YOU WANT TO GET TECH GIANTS TO REALLY PAY

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ATTENTION AND DO SOMETHING, PULL YOUR ADVERTISING. MAKE IT HURT FOR THEM FINANCIALLY. THAT IS THE LANGUAGE WHICH THEY

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SPEAK. AND THEN FOR THE OTHER USERS, FOR THE -- JUST FOR THE PEOPLE

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AS A WHOLE, LOOK AT WHEN THERE IS A COMPLETE LACK OF

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ACCOUNTABILITY, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF UNITED STATES, SPEECH, WHICH

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OBTAINING AS A REPORTER TURNED LEGISLATOR IS SOMETHING VERY

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IMPORTANT TO ME, PROTECTING FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN THE FIRST PLACE, UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE

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YOU THAT HAVE WHERE YOU ARE COMPLICIT WITH SOMEONE TAKING THEIR OWN LIFE, WITH SOMEONE ACTUALLY LEADING SOMEONE ELSE TO

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HURTING THAT PERSON BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU DO, OR BECAUSE OF THE

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DISINFORMATION OR MISINFORMATION THAT YOU PUT OUT THERE THERE HAS TO BE THAT ACCOUNTABILITY TO IT.

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AND THAT'S PART OF WHAT THE TECH GIANTS CAN REALLY DO WITH THIS, IN TERMS OF TELLING PEOPLE, HEY,

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WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS ACTIVELY WITHIN THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WEBSITE HERE WHICH MEANS

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WE'RE NOT GOING TO CONTINUE BASICALLY ACTING LIKE THAT. EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT ISN'T GOING TO BE THE GROUP THAT SAYS

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THAT, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT A FREE PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HAS TO PLAY BY THAT SAME ROLE.

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THEY DO NOT. THEY CAN CONTROL WHAT'S GOING ON IN THEIR PLATFORM. AND THEY HAVE TO TAKE

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RESPONSIBILITY WITH IT. IF YOU WANT LIVED EXPERIENCES, UNFORTUNATELY, TOO MANY LIVED EXPERIENCES ARE FOR PEOPLE,

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EXCEPT FOR BULLYING AND OTHERS ONLINE NO LONGER HAVE BAD EXPERIENCES BECAUSE THEY'VE

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KILLED THEMSELVES OR SOMEONE ELSE HAS HURT THEM INSTEAD. AND THIS IS THE SORT OF THING THAT IS SO -- ESPECIALLY WHEN

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WE'RE DEALING WITH YOUNG GIRLS WHO ARE COMING UP ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND ARE HAVING TO ADHERE

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TO THE FEELING THAT THEY'RE BEING PRESSURED INTO HAVING

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CONFORMED TO CERTAIN LOOKS, CERTAIN STYLES, CERTAIN X, Y, Z,

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REGARDLESS OF THE WAY IT FITS THEIR BODY TYPE, REGARDLESS OF ANYTHING ELSE YOU SEE, WHEN YOU

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HAVE THESE SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS THAT WILL NOT TAKE RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS REGARD

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FOR BASICALLY TELLING KIDS THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO ACHIEVE AN IMAGE THAT IS COMPLETELY

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UNREALISTIC, OR UNABLE FOR THEM IN THE FIRST PLACE, THEY CAN BE LEFT FEELING TERRIBLE, BY

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COMPARISON, WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT A FILTERED NONREALITY THAT IS BEING PRESENTED AS IF IT IS

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BASED IN AUTHENTICITY. THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IS DANGEROUS. AND SO, MY ASK IS BASICALLY FOR

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ADVERTISERS, PULL YOUR MONEY UNTIL PEOPLE MEET THE GOOD DEMANDS OF GOOD, POSITIVE SOCIAL

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JUSTICE, IN THIS CASE. AND FOR INDIVIDUAL USERS, ASK OF YOURSELF, ARE YOU CONTRIBUTING

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TO THE PROBLEM? ARE YOU PERPETUATING THAT CYCLE

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OF VIOLENCE? THAT CYCLE OF HARASSMENT? ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING THAT IS INTENTIONALLY PITTING PEOPLE

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AGAINST EACH OTHER, AS OPPOSED TO BEING WITH SOMEONE WHO IS THERE FOR COMMON GOOD AND

6:39:41

UNIFYING AND FOR ACTUALLY DOING SOMETHING THAT ENCOURAGES A HEALTHY PUBLIC DIALOGUE ON

6:39:47

WHATEVER ISSUES OF THE DAY, EVEN IF IT'S NOT POLITICS, JUST ART, ENTERTAINMENT OR JUST LIFE IN

6:39:52

GENERAL. ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING THAT IS DESIGNED TO BUILD PEOPLE UP?

6:39:57

OR ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING THAT'S DESIGNED TO TEAR PEOPLE DOWN? >> WELL, THERE'S CERTAINLY GRAVE

6:40:04

CONSEQUENCES. AND I REALLY AM GRATEFUL, AS I'M SURE AUDIENCES FOR THOSE VERY

6:40:11

CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT. PROSECUTOR, YOU HAVE BEEN USING YOUR ROLE AS A WOMAN IN PUBLIC

6:40:17

LIFE TO ADVANCE THE STATUS OF ALL WOMEN IN YOUR COUNTRY. AS WE'VE ALREADY HEARD FROM YOU. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE BENEFITS

6:40:24

OF ELEVATING MORE WOMEN IN THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT, WHETHER IT'S PROSECUTORS OR POLITICAL

6:40:29

LEADERS? AND WHAT CAN MEN IN THOSE OR

6:40:35

OTHER POSITIONS DO TO HELP? >> THE STATE TUUS IS NOT JUST W

6:40:52

BUT ALL THE COMMUNITY, MEN SHOULD JOIN THIS FIGHT, TOO. BUT WE CANNOT LEAD THE CAMPAIGN

6:40:59

FOR EQUALITY WITHOUT WOMEN LEADERS. ONLY A FEW TRULY EXPERIENCE

6:41:06

INJUSTICE THAT WOMEN EXPERIENCE IN THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES FROM EVERY DAY IN THEIR WORKPLACES TO

6:41:11

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE. IT'S TRUE THAT WE NEED BOTH WOMEN AND MEN TO JOIN THIS

6:41:18

FIGHT. BUT WE ESPECIALLY NEED TO EMPOWER WOMEN TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. EVEN IN THE LAST YEAR IN SOUTH

6:41:25

KOREA, WOMEN ACCOUNT FOR ONLY 8.5% OF SENIOR POSITIONS AT THE

6:41:31

GOVERNMENT. OR ONLY 19% OF PARL

6:41:39

PARLIAMENTARIANSHIP. I SURVIVED. EVEN THOUGHth PROSECUTORS WOULD CALL ME A BETRAYER OR A SHAME OF

6:41:45

THE PROSECUTOR AND TRYING TO CHIP AWAY AT SURVIVING LIKE

6:41:51

THIS. EVEN THOUGH MY CASE IS SO RARE IT CAN EVEN BE CONSIDERED AS A

6:41:57

MIRACLE, I THINK. AS WE'RE WATCHING THE PROGRESS OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN SOUTH KOREA.

6:42:02

I KNOW MANY PEOPLE LISTEN TO MY VOICE BECAUSE I'M IN THIS

6:42:08

PRIVILEGED POSITION OF BEING A PROSECUTOR. I FEEL A GREAT RESPONSIBILITY TO

6:42:15

SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THE VICTIMS. AND I BELIEVE MY BACK GROUND AS A PROSECUTOR ALSO CAN BE VERY

6:42:24

HELPFUL FOR TO PROJECT THE VOICES OF OTHER WOMEN. BUT I CANNOT DO THIS ALONE.

6:42:29

NO ONE CAN ACHIEVE THIS GOAL ALONE. WE NEED AS MANY FEMALE LEADERS AS POSSIBLE.

6:42:36

WE NEED MORE VOICES OF WOMEN FROM THE VOICES OF PROTESTERS,

6:42:43

TO THE VOICES OF DECISIONMAKERS AS TO GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU. >> WELL, THANK YOU.

6:42:50

THERE'S CERTAINLY STILL A LOT OF WORK THAT STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO OUR

6:42:56

PANELISTS, FOR SHARING THEIR EXPERIENCES, THEIR PERSPECTIVES AND THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. WE'VE ALL BENEFITS FROM THAT

6:43:02

DISCUSSION AND FROM THEIR CONSIDERABLE EFFORTS. SO, THANK YOU TO MR. CUE KAMUOLD

6:43:20

PROSECUTOR ROEM.

6:43:27

WITH THE DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP POSITIONS SHE'S HELD WITHIN GOVERNMENT AND NGOs AND

6:43:35

THE SYSTEM, ISA, WELCOME, THE FLOOR IS YOURS, GOOD TO SEE YOU.

6:43:40

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME. THANK YOU OR ALL OF THE DWISHED

6:43:46

SPEAKERS FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TODAY. HIGHLY INTERESTING. THANK YOU TO SWEDEN AND TO THE U.S. AND, OF COURSE, ALSO THANK YOU

6:43:54

TO PRESIDENT SIRLEAF WHO WILL ALSO CONCLUDE THIS SPECIAL.

6:44:00

AND TO YOURSELF, AMBASSADOR AS

6:44:09

WELL. AS WOMEN HAVE ACCESS TO DECISIONMAKING AND THE RIGHTS TO SPEAK OUT PUBLICLY ABOUT THEIR

6:44:16

IDEAS AND DEMANDS. AS PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN ALL OF THEIR DIVERSITY

6:44:21

NOT ONLY MAKES GOVERNMENT MORE JUST, IT ALSO MAKES AND TAKES

6:44:29

AND MAKES MORE SUSTAINABLE, FAIR AND DEMOCRATIC DECISIONS.

6:44:36

BUT WE KNOW, AND WE HEARD THAT GLOBALLY WOMEN DO NOT PARTICIPATE ON EQUAL TERMS.
AND WE'VE HEARD SEVERAL TIMES,

6:44:44

THAT ONLY 26% OF WOMEN -- OF PEOPLE IN PARLIAMENT ARE WOMEN.

6:44:51

AND ALSO 1/5 OF ALL MINISTERS OR CABINET MEMBERS IN THE WORLD ARE

6:44:58

WOMEN. AND THERE ARE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE ALSO NO WOMEN IN CABINET. AND WE ALSO HAVE
SEVERAL

6:45:04

CABINETS IN THE WORLD WHICH HAVE LESS THAN 5% OF WOMEN AS

6:45:09

PARLIAMENTARIANS. AS WE'VE SEEN AND WE'VE FOLLOWED THE ACTION OF WOMEN, THAT PROGRESS
TOWARDS GENDER EQUALITY

6:45:16

ALSO WHEN IT COMES TO DECISIONMAKING GOES IS VERY

6:45:21

SLOWLY. FAR TOO SLOWLY, IN RELATION TO THE GOALS THE MEMBER STATE HAS

6:45:26

THEMSELVES. AND WE ALSO DO SEE A STRONG PUSHBACK, UNFORTUNATELY, THE

6:45:31

GAINS THAT GOES WHEN IT COMES TO GENDER EQUALITY.

6:45:37

AND THE SAME FORCES WHICH ARE IN GENERAL PUSHING BACK AGAINST THE IDEA OF DEMOCRATIC AND HUMAN

6:45:44

RIGHTS WHICH IS THE TOPIC OF THIS CONFERENCE. WE ARE ALSO VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE SEE THAT SPACE

6:45:51

FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IS SHRINKING. THERE IS A DIRECT LINE BETWEEN

6:45:57

THE SPACE FOR WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION AND WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IN MANY COUNTRIES. WE KNOW, HOWEVER, NOWADAYS AND

6:46:05

WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THAT, TOO, THAT WE -- WHAT CAN BE DONE IN

6:46:11

ORDER TO COURT WOMEN IN POLITICS, WHICH LEADS TO

6:46:17

PARTICIPATION. AND WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE IMPORTANT WORK TO ELIMINATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN. ALSO TO ELIMINATE DISCRIMINATORY

6:46:24

LAWS AND UNEQUAL ACCESS TO ECONOMIC RESOURCES, FOR EXAMPLE.

6:46:29

AND WE KNOW THAT QUOTA AND SUCH

6:46:35

MEASURES DO HELP IN ORDER TO FAST-TRACK THE REPRESENTATION AND BREAK DOWN INSTITUTIONAL

6:46:43

BARRIERS. WE'VE HEARD HOW IMPORTANT IT IS, BUT MEN SEE THEMSELVES IN THIS

6:46:49

WORK, AND ALSO THE PRIVILEGE THAT THEY CARRY FOR BEING MEN. AND HOW THEY CAN SUPPORT THEIR

6:46:55

SISTERS IN POLITICS. WE SHOULD ALSO ADDRESS HARMFUL SOCIAL NORMS, ET CETERA, IN

6:47:01

ORDER TO HAVE -- ACHIEVE A BETTER SITUATION. WE ALSO NEED VERY URGENTLY AND

6:47:09

WE HEARD ABOUT THAT, ENSURE THAT WOMEN'S GOALS ARE ACTUALLY

6:47:16

IMPORTANT IN POLITICS ARE SAFE. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN

6:47:21

POLITICS IS UNFORTUNATELY INCREASING WE SEE THAT AROUND THE WORLD, ESPECIALLY ONLINE.

6:47:26

THIS ONLINE VIOLENCE AIMS TO SILENCE AND THREATEN WOMEN WHO WANT TO BE PART OF DEMOCRACY.

6:47:31

THIS UNDERMINES DEMOCRACY. SO, WE NEED TO PRESENT THIS MORE

6:47:37

EFFICIENTLY THAN TODAY, NOT

6:47:44

LEAD BY HOLDING THOSE RESPONSIBLE ACCOUNTABLE. WHEN I MYSELF WAS A CABINET

6:47:49

MEMBER I WAS A SWEDISH MINISTER IN THE SAME CABINET, A

6:47:55

COINCIDENCE AS PRIME MINISTER ANDERSSON WHEN SHE WAS THE FINANCE MINISTER. I RECEIVED MANY, MANY THREATS,

6:48:01

AS WOMEN DO, BECAUSE OF MY WORK IN THIS SPACE. AND ONE PERSON WAS ACTUALLY

6:48:06

TAKEN TO COURT AND ALSO GOT A SENTENCE OVER EIGHT YEARS WHICH IS A LONG TIME IN THE SWEDISH

6:48:13

SYSTEM. THAT MEANT A LOT TO ME TO GET THAT JUSTICE IN THIS CASE. I WAS RIGHT.

6:48:19

HE WAS WRONG. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS DOES HAPPEN VERY SELDOM.

6:48:25

MOST WOMEN IN THE WORLD DO NOT GET JUSTICE WHEN THEY ARE

6:48:31

THREATENED OR EXPERIENCE POLITICAL VIOLENCE. LAST YEAR, THE U.N. HAD ITS 75th

6:48:40

BIRTHDAY AND MEMBERS PLEDGED TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE THE RESPECT FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

6:48:48

AND ADVANCE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND RULE OF LAW. AND ALSO EXPRESSED THAT WOMEN AND GIRLS HAVE TO BE AT THE

6:48:53

CENTER OF THIS. AND I THINK THAT TODAY'S MEETING

6:48:59

IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE CHANCES OF

6:49:04

TRANSLATING THIS PLEDGE INTO ACTION. SO, I'M VERY GRATEFUL AGAIN TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND TO SWEDEN.

6:49:11

BECAUSE -- AND TO THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAVE TAKEN SEVERAL INITIATIVES TO CHAMPION THE

6:49:17

CIVIC AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND LEADERSHIP OF WOMEN AND GIRLS. AND MANY INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE

6:49:24

GENDER EQUALITIES WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION.

6:49:32

WOMEN ORGANIZED LAST YEAR SOMETHING CALLED GENERATION EQUALITY WHICH IS A BIG

6:49:38

INITIATIVE TO CLOSE THE GAP BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND REALITY. BUT THAT WAS -- THAT WAS A

6:49:46

SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE WHICH HAS COLLECTED A LOT OF STATE CHORUS

6:49:51

AROUND THIS. THERE IS ALSO SPECIAL ATTENTION TO WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP AND SOCIETIES AND WOMEN'S

6:49:57

ORGANIZATIONS ROLLED IN THIS. AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE EVEN MORE MEMBER STATES AND

6:50:02

OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO SUPPORT THE GENERATION OF EQUALITY INITIATIVE. TO CONCLUDE, LAST YEAR, AT THE

6:50:09

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN, THE U.S. FVICE PRESIDENT

6:50:18

KAMALA HARRIS FAMOUS RESPECT IN THE COMMISSION OF STATUS OF WOMEN THIS YEAR.

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BUT THE STATE TUUS OF WOMEN IS STATUS OF DEMOCRACY IN THE

6:50:30

COUNTRY. THAT IS VERY TRUE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, ASA. THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT SUMMARY

6:50:36

AND TO THE ONGOING WORK OF U.N. WOMEN WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT. >> THANK YOU. >> NOW TO PRESIDENT ELLEN

6:50:45

JOHNSON-SIRLEAF, THE FORMER LEADER OF LIBERIA. SHE SERVED AS PRESIDENT FROM 2006 TO 2018.

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AND WAS THE FIRST FEMALE HEAD OF STATE IN ALL OF AFRICA. SHE WAS ALSO ONE OF THREE WOMEN

6:50:56

WHO RECEIVED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE IN 2011 FOR HER WORK TO

6:51:01

ADVANCE WOMEN'S RIGHTS. AS THE NOBEL COMMITTEE SAID, WE

6:51:08

CANNOT ACHIEVE DEMOCRACY AND LASTING PEACE IN THE WORLD UNLESS WOMEN OBTAIN THE SAME

6:51:14

OPPORTUNITIES AS MEN TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENT AT ALL

6:51:19

LEVELS OF SOCIETY. PRESIDENT SIRLEAF, IT IS SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND TO HAVE YOU

6:51:25

WITH US. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REMARKS. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MELANNE.

6:51:40

I SPEAK TO YOU TODAY WHERE I'M PARTICIPATING THE KOFI ANNAN

6:51:47

PEACE AND SECURITY FORUM. IT GIVES THE BACKDROP OF THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PUT OF

6:51:57

CALL ON DEMOCRACY AND GOOD GOVERNANCE OF THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN

6:52:05

STATES. WE ARE MEETING, CONVENING, AS

6:52:14

CURRENT AND FORMER LEADERS OF AFRICA.

6:52:20

MEMBERS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND CIVIL SOCIETY

6:52:28

REPRESENTATION. IN RECOGNITION THAT DEMOCRACY

6:52:33

MUST BE RENEWED IN THE FACE OF A GLOBAL BACKSLIDING.

6:52:40

IN THE FACE OF THE RECENT RETURN

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IN OUR COUNTRY, IN OUR CONTINENT, THE FEW CASES OF THE

6:52:58

OLD WAYS. WE ARE MEETING TO RENEW A

6:53:06

COMMITMENT OF LEADERS ALL OVER THE WORLD MUST RESPOND TO THE

6:53:15

POPULAR WILL AS A NEW GENERATION TO SERVE THEIR RIGHTS.

6:53:24

THE WHITE HOUSE SUMMIT ON DEMOCRACY PANEL WAS ANCHORED IN

6:53:31

THE SHARED BELIEF OF OUR ILLUSTRIOUS PANELISTS AS THE

6:53:44

STATUS OF WOMEN IS THE STATUS OF DEMOCRACY. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE IT ONE STEP

6:53:50

FURTHER AND SUGGEST THAT THE

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STATUS OF WOMEN IS THE STATUS OF

6:54:02

CONCLUSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH, HEALTH, AND THE STATUS OF PEACE AND SECURITY. IT IS THE
STATUS OF THE WORLD

6:54:11

SUSTAINABILITY. WHY DO I SAY THAT?

6:54:17

IT'S BECAUSE OF MY OWN EXPERIENCE.

6:54:25

IT TOOK THE WOMEN OF LIBERIA TO HALT TWO DECADES OF CIVIL WAR

6:54:33

AND RETURN THE COUNTRY TO THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS. IT TOOK WOMEN, SUBSEQUENTLY, TO

6:54:42

RESTORE OUR NATION'S REPUTATION AND CREDIBILITY.

6:54:51

WOMEN TODAY ARE COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL POWERS

6:54:57

CENTER. BRINGING FRESH PERSPECTIVE TO ENABLE THE TYPE OF

6:55:05

TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE THAT WILL BE REQUIRED. AND WE SEE THAT THIS IS

6:55:11

HAPPENING PARTICULARLY IN OUR CONTINENT, AFRICA.

6:55:27

FIVE YEARS AGO, MOST OF YOU WILL RECALL, WHEN THE LEADERS OF THE

6:55:34

WORLD MET IN BEIJING TO COMMIT TO THE EQUALITY OF WOMEN, TO THE

6:55:40

PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN, BUT THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A UNITED NATIONS

6:55:47

RESOLUTION EIGHT 25, TO ENSURE THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN FROM VIOLENCE.

6:55:54

THAT WAS 25 YEARS AGO. THAT THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS.

6:56:03

IN THE LAST DECADE OR SO WE CAN SEE SO MANY MORE WOMEN THAT ARE

6:56:11

NOW IN PARLIAMENT, ONE COUNTRY IN PARLIAMENT, LEADING WOMEN

6:56:19

PARLIAMENT, PARLIAMENT, HIGHEST IN THE WORLD. SO MANY MORE WOMEN PRIME

6:56:24

MINISTER, SO MANY MORE WOMEN HEADS OF STATE, SO MANY MORE EXECUTIVES, EVEN IN THE BUSINESS SECTOR, SO MANY MORE ARE

6:56:32

BECOMING CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN LARGE CORPORATIONS.

6:56:39

I ALSO APPLAUD OUR ACTION IN

6:56:46

AFRICA WHERE WE HAVE, AFRICAN UNION HAS FULL GENDER PARITY, AS

6:56:53

DOES OUR ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES. WE'VE GONE ONE STEP FURTHER WITH

6:57:01

A BREAKTHROUGH WHEN THE MAIN HEADS OF SOUTH AFRICA MET IN A

6:57:06

SUMMIT CALLED POSITIVE MASCULINITY. TO GIVE FULL RECOGNITION TO

6:57:15

GENDER EQUITY, TO THE RIGHT OF WOMEN FOR PARTICIPATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF NATIONAL
ENDEAVOR, TO

6:57:23

LEADERSHIP IN ACCORDANCE WITH

6:57:28

THEIR ENERGIES, THEIR ABILITIES, THEIR COURAGE. WE SEE THAT, BUT WE ALSO KNOW,

6:57:36

AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT BY ALL OUR PANELISTS, THAT WE STILL LIVE IN A SITUATION THROUGHOUT

6:57:42

THE WORLD WHERE THERE'S STILL

6:57:47

STEREOTYPING OF WOMEN PATRIARCHY, INEQUITIES,

6:57:54

INJUSTICES. AND THIS IS WHY HE NEED TO CONTINUE, AND WE KNOW THAT

6:58:00

THERE'S SO MANY ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE BEGINNING TO DO THIS WORK. NOT ONLY IN AFRICA,
THE AFRICAN

6:58:08

WOMEN LEADERS NETWORK CONTINUE THE EJAS CENTER, IDENTIFYING

6:58:13

WOMEN, PREPARING THEM TO COMPETE, TO BE ABLE TO LOOK FOR

6:58:20

HIGHER POSITIONS OF LEADERSHIP. IN ALL OF THE OTHER CONTINENTS,

6:58:27

ALL THE WORK THAT'S GOING ON TO ENSURE EQUITY. AS WE LOOK TO 2022, WE MUST

6:58:38

CHALLENGE WORLD LEADERS TO

6:58:45

TACKLE THE EXISTING BARRIERS TO THE POLITICAL ENTRY FOR WOMEN

6:58:52

LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD.

6:59:04

IT IS MY THOUGHT THAT FULL

6:59:10

PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE DEMOCRATIC

6:59:19

PROCESS, AND IT GOES BEYOND THE

6:59:26

PERSON THAT IT IS, IF IN FACT WE WANT TO ENSURE DURABLE, GLOBAL

6:59:35

SUSTAINABILITY AND PEACE, WOMEN NEED TO BE A PART OF THAT PROCESS.

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WOMEN NEED TO BE TAKEING EQUAL

6:59:47

REPRESENTATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF THESE ACHIEVEMENTS. OUR WORLD TODAY IS CHANGING.

6:59:56

WE'RE FACING CHALLENGES. HEALTH PANDEMIC, CLIMATE CHANGE,

7:00:05

THREATS TO DEMOCRACY. THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ARE

7:00:10

CALLING FOR CHANGE.

7:00:17

ASKING LEADERS AND ASKING EXECUTIVES AND ASKING PEOPLE

7:00:25

THROUGH POLICY ACTIONS, PROGRAM

7:00:31

ACTIONS, TO ENSURE THAT WE NOW

7:00:39

BRING EQUITY. TO THOSE REPRESENTATIONS OF SOCIETY THAT HAVE BEEN THERE

7:00:50

THROUGHOUT TO WOMEN, THAT DEMOCRACY CALLS FOR THIS EQUITY.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, CALLS

7:01:01

FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN CONTRIBUTION TO WOMEN, WHICH HAS ALWAYS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY

7:01:10

EVIDENCE. A CALL TODAY IS THE CALL FOR

7:01:15

ACTION IN THE COMING YEARS TO

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GIVE FULL RECOGNITION TO THE STATUS OF WOMEN ON THE BASIS

7:01:31

THAT THE STATUS OF WOMEN IS THE STATUS OF DEMOCRACY.

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DEMOCRACY, WE ALL EMPLOY, AND

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THIS IS WHY WOMEN ARE WOMEN ARE EQUALLY EMPLOYED. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM

7:01:56

PRESIDENT, FOR THOSE VERY PROFOUND REFLECTIONS. AND MOST ESPECIALLY FOR

7:02:01

REITERATING OUR CALL FOR ACTION. THANK YOU SO MUCH. STAY WELL. AND KEEP UP ALL THAT YOU ARE DOING.

7:02:06

>> THANKS. >> AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY, WE HOPE YOU

7:02:11

WILL SEE THIS EVENT AS A CALL TO ACTION. WE HAVE MUCH WORK AHEAD OF ALL

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OF US. IN ADVANCING WOMEN'S POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION AND

7:02:24

EMPOWERMENT. THE COMING YEAR OF ACTION WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO SEEK,

7:02:29

TO LEARN, TO WORK, TO GROW TOGETHER. IN PURSUIT OF THESE GOALS. AND WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE

7:02:36

COMING DAYS OF THE SUMMIT, WHICH WILL GO ON FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS.

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BECAUSE TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

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BECAUSE AFTER ALL, AS YOU HAVE HEARD, THE STATE OF WOMEN IS THE STATE OF DEMOCRACY.

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THANK YOU, ALL.

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WE MUST

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CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS TOGETHER.

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TO PROMOTE AND FORWARD LOOKING FOR THE SPACE OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

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FOR ALL DEMOCRATIC STATIONS RESPONSIBLE AND TECH COMPANIES AND CIVIL ORGANIZATIONS TO JOIN

7:26:00

BY SIGNING THE DEMOCRACY. STANDING IN THE FUTURE FOR

7:26:07

DEMOCRATIC THAT'S TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN. THANK YOU SO MUCH. ♪ >>> MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE

7:26:15

ONLINE MAKING THEMSELVES HEARD. USING THEIR DEMOCRATIC RIGHT TO SPEAK FREELY AND DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS.

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BUT, IN 2020, GOVERNMENTS SHUT

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DOWN. 155 TIMES. AND IN 2021, 42 COUNTRIES

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DELIBERATELY K LY CENSORED THE . TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTS DEMOCRACY

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AND RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS. GROUNDBREAKING DEMOCRATIC VALUES

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BY TRUSTWORTHY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE THAT CAN SEIZE THE POTENTIAL WITHOUT COMPROMISING

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INDIVIDUALS. YOUR ACTIONS ENHANCED TRANSPARENCY, AUTHENTICITY AND TO SECURE INFORMATION WE CAN TRUST.

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UNMUTING INTERNET AND PROTECTINE

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TEST TEST TEST

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I THINK WE MEAN TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN BE USED TO AFFIRM DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

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THAT IS THAT OFFER THE OPPORTUNITY, THE POTENTIAL TO BE USED IN WAYS THAT SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

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BUT IT'S NOT GUARANTEED. IT TAKES CONSTANT VIGILANCE AND CONSTANT COMMITMENT.

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WE, THE PEOPLE, HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TECHNOLOGIES ARE DEVELOPED RESPONSIBLY, AND USED RESPONSIBLY.

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AND THAT IS A SOLEMN OBLIGATION. SO HOW CAN TECHNOLOGY AND

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INNOVATION SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC VALUES? LET'S START WITH, FIRST, PRINCIPLES. WHEN WE SAY DEMOCRATIC VALUES,

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WHAT DO WE MEAN? WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THINGS LIKE PRIVACY, EQUITY AND EQUAL

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OPPORTUNITIES, FAIRNESS, FREE EXPRESSION, TRUTH AND TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY,

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INCLUSION, OPENNESS, RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW, AND RESPECT FOR

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HUMAN RIGHTS. AND SECOND, WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO MAKE AND USE TECHNOLOGY TO

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SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC VALUES, AND HOW CAN WE DO SO? FOR EXAMPLE, HOW CAN WE BUILD

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AND USE MACHINE-LEARNING ALGORITHMS WHICH REQUIRE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DATA TO

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TRAIN THEM? IN WAYS THAT UPHOLD PRIVACY AND EQUITY AND FAIRNESS AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS?

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AND CAN WE USE TECHNOLOGY TO BRING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO ONLINE CONTENT

7:31:46

SO USERS CAN TELL DEEP FAKES AND CHEAP FAKES FROM WHAT'S REAL AND

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AUTHENTIC? AND HOPEFULLY DISTINGUISH TRUTH FROM FICTION. WE KNOW THAT TECHNOLOGIES LIKE

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE INTERNET ARE BEING EXPLOITED. TO REPRESS, DIVIDE AND

7:32:05

DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PEOPLE. AND OUR TASK IS TO FORGE A DIFFERENT PATH WHERE DEMOCRACIES

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HAVE THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO PROMOTE DEMOCRATIC VALUES. ULTIMATELY THIS WORK IS A COMBINATION OF BOTH TECHNOLOGY

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AND VALUES. SO FOR THE NEXT HOUR WE WILL HEAR FROM LEADERS AND EXPERTS ABOUT TECHNOLOGY.

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WE'LL HEAR ABOUT PRIVACY-PRESERVING MACHINE LEARNING WHERE YOU CAN BUILD A

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MACHINE-LEARNING MODEL WITHOUT ACTUALLY HAVING TO SHARE ALL OF YOUR DATA. FOR EXAMPLE, I MIGHT START

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MAKING A MODEL BASED ON MY DATA, AND THEN I SHARE THE MODEL WITH YOU SO YOU CAN IMPROVE IT BASED

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ON YOUR DATA, THEN IT GOES TO THE NEXT PERSON, AND SO ON, IN A

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ROUND-ROBIN FASHION, AND THE MODEL KEEPS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER WITHOUT ANYBODY HAVING TO SEE EACH OTHER'S DATA.

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THERE IS ALSO TECHNOLOGY THAT CAN VERIFY THE PROVENANCE, SUCH

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AS PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS APPLIED AT THE POINT OF CAPTURE AND UPDATED WITH EVERY EDIT, THAT

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STAYS WITH THE CONTENT NO MATTER WHERE IT GOES AND WHO EDITS IT. THAT WAY YOU OR A THIRD-PARTY,

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PERHAPS A NEWS ORGANIZATION OR AN AGENT THAT YOU TRUST, CAN REVIEW IT AND DECIDE WHETHER YOU

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SHOULD TRUST THE CONTENT. THERE IS ALSO TECHNOLOGY THAT COULD HELP ENSURE ACCESS TO

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INFORMATION. WHEN AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS SHUTDOWN THE INTERNET ACCESS, COULD PEER TO PEER CONNECTIVITY

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SIMILAR TO WIRELESS MESH NETWORKS HELP GET AROUND THAT? SO THAT IF ONE PERSON ON THE

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NETWORK CAN CONNECT TO THE INTERNET, PERHAPS VIA SATELLITE, OR BY GETTING CELL PHONE SERVICE FROM ACROSS A NEARBY BORDER,

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EVERYONE ELSE ON THE NETWORK CAN CONNECT, TOO. OR TO DRIVE PROGRESS AND TO

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PREVENT THESE TECHNOLOGIES FROM BEING MISUSED OR ABUSED, WE ALL HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER ACROSS

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DEMOCRACIES. AND NOT ONLY IN GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO THE PRIVATE SECTOR, ACADEMIA, AND CIVIL SOCIETY.

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THAT'S WHY TWO OF OUR SHARED VALUES IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ARE HUMILITY AND DIVERSITY,

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BECAUSE NO ONE HAS A MONOPOLY ON THE BEST IDEAS. AND BECAUSE PROGRESS DEPENDS ON

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SOMEONE SEEING THINGS THAT NO ONE ELSE SAW BEFORE BECAUSE THEY BRING A DIFFERENT LENS,

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DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES, DIFFERENT QUESTIONS, DIFFERENT PASSIONS. AND THAT'S WHY TODAY WE'RE

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ANNOUNCING IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD AN

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EXCITING SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL GRAND CHALLENGES ON DEMOCRACY-AFFIRMING TECHNOLOGIES. WE'RE CALLING ON ENTREPRENEURS

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AND VISIONARIES, RESEARCHERS AND INNOVATORS FROM ACROSS SOCIETY AND AROUND THE WORLD TO HELP

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BUILD A MORE DEMOCRATIC FUTURE BY DRIVING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION TO SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

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OVER THE NEXT YEAR OF ACTION FOR DEMOCRACY THERE WILL BE PRIZE

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CHALLENGES AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETITIONS THAT WILL BRING IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ALL AROUND

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THE WORLD AS PARTICIPANTS, AS JUDGES, INNOVATORS, INVESTORS, AND LEADERS, AND SOME OF THE

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WINNERS WILL BE INVITED TO SHOWCASE THEIR INNOVATIONS AT NEXT YEAR'S SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. I DON'T WANT TO GET AHEAD OF ANY

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SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS, BUT I WILL SAY WE'RE ALL GRATEFUL TO ALL OF OUR ALLIES AND COLLEAGUES

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IN THIS EFFORT. TOGETHER WITH THE NONPROFIT OPEN TECHNOLOGY FUND THAT'S SUPPORTED BY THE U.S. AGENCY FOR GLOBAL

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MEDIA, WE'LL SEEK SOLUTIONS FOR COUNTERING ONLINE CENSORSHIP AND

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INTERNET SHUTDOWNS IN REPRESSIVE ENVIRONMENTS. TOGETHER WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE U.S. NATIONAL

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SCIENCE FOUNDATION, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STANDARD AND TECHNOLOGY. WE'LL SEEK WAYS TO ADVANCE

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PRIVACY-ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES FOR A.I. SYSTEMS. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO THE UK'S COLLABORATION IN THIS.

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AND THROUGH THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU WE'LL ALSO BE JOINING AN EFFORT TO PILOT THESE TECHNOLOGIES WITH THE UNITED

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NATIONS PRIVACY ENHANCING TECHNOLOGY LAB. AND TOGETHER WITH THE U.S.

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EMBASSY IN MADRID AND SPAIN'S I.E. INSTITUTE, WE'LL SEEK TO

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ACCELERATE ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION GLOBALLY ON TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN AFFIRM DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

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WHILE INVESTING IN THESE AND OTHER TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC VALUES, LIKE SECURE VOTING SYSTEMS, IS

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CRITICAL TO STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACIES AND PUSHING BACK AGAINST AUTHORITARIANISM.

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WE'VE ALSO GOT TO RECOGNIZE THE TECHNOLOGY ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH TO RENEW AND SUSTAIN DEMOCRACY.

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THESE TECHNOLOGIES HAVE TO BE DEPLOYED ALONGSIDE OTHER EFFORTS, SUCH AS STRENGTHENING

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RIGHTS IN JGENERAL AND RIGHTS RELATED TO TECHNOLOGIES. FOR EXAMPLE, WE NEED TO WORK

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TOGETHER TO ITERATIVELY CODIFY THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS WE EXPECT NEW AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES TO RESPECT.

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>>> THERE IS SO MUCH WORK TO DO, BUT THIS MUCH IS CLEAR. PROTECTING OUR VALUES, MAKING

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DEMOCRACIES MORE COMPETITIVE AGAINST AUTHORITARIANISM AND ENSURING THAT DEMOCRACY CAN

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DELIVER IN THE 21st CENTURY COULD NOT BE MORE IMPORTANT. IT'S ON ALL OF US, INCLUDING IN

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THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY, TO HELP MAKE THIS HAPPEN. SO I AM VERY MUCH LOOKING

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FORWARD TO AND ENGAGING IN PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION. AND SO BACK TO YOU, JEANNE. >> DR. LANDER, THANK YOU SO MUCH

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FOR SETTING THE STAGE. AND NOW LET ME INTRODUCE OUR PANELISTS WHO WILL TALK ABOUT SOME OF THESE VERY TECHNOLOGIES

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THAT DR. LANDER MENTIONED. WITH US TODAY WE HAVE THE RIGHT HONORABLE NADINE DORES, MP,

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SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DIGITAL CULTURE MEDIA AND SPORTS. IN SEPTEMBER 15th OF THIS YEAR

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SHE WAS PREVIOUSLY MINISTER OF HEALTH AT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND CARE.

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DR. SAFI AND FOUNDER OF THE CENSORED PLANET LAB.

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THE WORK CENTERS ON INTERNET SECURITY AND PRIVACY WITH THE GOAL OF UNCOVERING INTERNET

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CENSORSHIP, SURVEILLANCE AND RELATED INTERNET FREEDOM VIOLATIONS. RAMI, SENIOR MANAGER OF PUBLIC

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AFFAIRS AT TRUE PICK IS ALSO JOINING US. IN ADDITION TO HIS WORK AT TRUE PICK, HE'S A REPRESENTATIVE TO

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THE COALITION FOR CONTENT PROVE

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NANCE AND A MEMBER OF THE YALE FELLOWS NETWORK. A LONG-TIME DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN

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RIGHTS ADVOCATE IN SYRIA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, HIS WORK FOCUSSES ON USING NEW TECHNOLOGIES TO ADDRESS SOCIAL,

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POLITICAL AND PEACE-BUILDING CHALLENGES. >>> HASAN IS HERE AS WELL,

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE PARADIGM INITIATIVE. A PAN AFRICAN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

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WORKING ON DIGITAL INCLUSION AND DIGITAL RIGHTS. HE IS ALSO A NON-RESIDENT FELLOW AT THE DIGITAL CIVIL SOCIETY LAB

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AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY. >>> SECRETARY OF STATE DORES, LET ME BEGIN WITH YOU.

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DATA IS CRITICAL TO ALL KINDS OF DECISION MAKING, BUT THERE ARE, OF COURSE, CONCERNS ABOUT HOW IT

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IS BEING USED AND WHO IS USING IT. YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRIVACY ENHANCING

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TECHNOLOGIES. COULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT THESE TECHNOLOGIES DO AND HOW THEY ENHANCE DEMOCRATIC VALUES?

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>> OF COURSE. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR INVITING ME HERE TODAY.

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AND I'M DELIGHTED TO BE REPRESENTING THE UK AT THIS SUMMIT. IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE AS

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PRESIDENT BIDEN SAID, DEMOCRACY ISN'T A GIVEN. EVERY GENERATION HAS TO FIGHT FOR IT.

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AND WHILE THE WORLD'S OLDEST DEMOCRACIES, THE UK HAS A REAL DOG IN THIS FIGHT, AS I BELIEVE

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AMERICANS LIKE TO SAY. AND IN 2021, IN WAYS OFFICIALLY, THE DIGITAL AGE OF MANKIND, MUCH

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OF THAT BATTLE IS NOW WAGED ONLINE. SO I WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TALK A LITTLE BIT

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ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND TECHNOLOGY AND ALSO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

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ONE OF THE HUGE BENEFITS TECH HAS BROUGHT TO NATIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT ALSO
ULTIMATELY

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WHAT WE ARE DOING IN THE UK AND WITH COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD

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TO ENSURE THE TECH REVOLUTION IS A DEMOCRATIC ONE.

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ONLY LAST WEEK I WROTE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AROUND THE

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WORLD FROM LONDON FOR A FUTURE TECH FORUM. WHILE WE WERE THERE, WE HAD SOME HONEST
AND FRANK CONVERSATIONS

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ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT WE'RE ALL CURRENTLY FACING. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT, AS

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ALWAYS, TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT TECH HAS DONE SO MUCH TO IMPROVE

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OUR LIVES, TO MAKE US MORE PROSPEROUS AND MORE PRODUCTIVE, TO CONNECT US WITH FRIENDS
AND

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FAMILY ALL OVER THE WORLD. BUT GIVEN THE VAST POWER OF TECH

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TODAY, THERE IS ALSO UNFORTUNATELY VAST POTENTIAL FOR IT TO BE USED TO CAUSE HARM.

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ALGORITHMS CAN SEND DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION AND POISONOUS ABUSE ALL OVER THE WORLD WITHIN

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SECONDS. AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS CAN USE TECH TO TRACK, TO

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INTIMIDATE, AND TO REPRESS. IT'S ON ALL OF US TO MITIGATE

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THOSE RISKS AND TO MAKE SURE THAT TECH REFLECTS A LIBERAL

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DEMOCRATIC VALUES. UNTIL NOW, GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD HAVE BEEN A LITTLE ON

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THE BACK FOOT WITH ALL OF THIS. THE PACE OF CHANGE IN TECH IS SO

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FAST THAT WE ARE OFTEN PLAYING CATCH UP. FIRST, FROM WHAT I SAW IN FUTURE

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TECH FORUM, THERE IS NOW REAL POLITICAL WILL AND REAL MOMENTUM

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BEHIND THAT WILL ACROSS THE GLOBE TO SET SOME SOLID GROUND RULES, ONES THAT WILL DEFINE THE

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NEXT CHAPTER OF TECH. AND THE UK IS HELPING TO WRITE

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THOSE RULES. A FEW MONTHS AGO WE PUBLISHED OUR DRAFT ONLINE SAFETY BILL.

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IT IS A TRULY GROUNDBREAKING PIECE OF LEGISLATION, AND IT'S ONE OF THE MOST COMPREHENSIVE

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ATTEMPTS TO REGULATE BIG TECH COMPANIES FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME.

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AND WE'LL BE GOING FURTHER THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY TO HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT'S ON THEIR

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PLATFORMS AND TO ENSURING PROTECTIONS FOR FREEDOM OF

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EXPRESSION. LIKE LOTS OF COUNTRIES INCLUDING THE U.S., WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT HOW OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES CAN BE

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BAKED IN FROM THE START, WHICH BRINGS ME TO THE THEME OF THIS EVENT.

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OF ALL THE DEMOCRACY AND AFFIRMING TECHNOLOGIES, WE'RE

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PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE ONES THAT CAN HELP US WITH PERSONAL OR SENSITIVE DATA RESPONSIBILITY.

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AND SO THE UK GOVERNMENT IS ACTIVELY EXPLORING THE ROLE OF PRIVACY ENHANCING TECHNOLOGIES

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TO SUPPORT CONFIDENTIAL DATA SHARING, ACCESS AND USE. THE U.S. AND THE UK HAVE BOTH

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INDEED CUTTING EDGE WORK IN THIS AREA, BUT WE WILL ALL NEED TO GO A LOT FURTHER.

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AND SO TODAY I AM VERY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT TOGETHER THE U.S. AND THE UK ARE LAUNCHING A

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JOINT PRIZE CHALLENGE NEXT YEAR ON PRIVACY AND HOUSING TECHNOLOGIES. THESE TECHNOLOGIES CAN HELP

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DEMOCRACIES UNLEASH THE POWER OF DATA AND A.I. TO TACKLE BIG

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SOCIETAL CHALLENGES FROM FINANCIAL CRIME TO THE RACE TO NET ZERO WHILE RESPECTING

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FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS LIKE PRIVACY. WE'RE BOTH VERY HOPEFUL THAT THIS NEW PRIZE CHALLENGE WILL

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GET THE R&D OF THESE PARTICULAR TECHNOLOGIES A BIG BOOST. AND SO WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO

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UPDATING YOU ALL ON OUR PROGRESS AT NEXT YEAR'S SUMMIT. BY WORKING TOGETHER ON PROJECTS

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LIKE THIS, DEMOCRACIES CAN MAKE SURE THAT TECH-SAVVY CITIZENS,

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RATHER THAN SEEKING TO CONTROL THEM, TECH IS GLOBAL BY ITS

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NATURE AND DOESN'T RECOGNIZE BORDERS AND NEITHER SHOULD WE. BY TEAMING UP, WE CAN ENSURE OUR

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VERSION OF THE TECH REVOLUTION, ONE THAT IS OPEN AND DEMOCRATIC,

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AND THAT IT PREVAILS, WHICH IS WHY AS I SAID AT THE START,

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SUMMITS LIKE THIS ARE IMPORTANT. WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO HAND IT BACK, AND THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

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>> SECRETARY OF STATE, THANK YOU. DOCTOR, LET ME TURN TO YOU NOW.

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OUGHT KARAT I CAN REGIMES AROUND THE WORLD HAVE USED CENSORSHIP TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF INFORMATION TO THEIR CITIZENS.

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EXPLAIN, IF YOU WOULD, YOUR WORK ON ANTI-CENSORSHIP TECHNOLOGIES AND WHAT IMPACT THEY'RE HAVING

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ON DEMOCRACY. >> ABSOLUTELY. THANKS, JEANNE. ADVANCE NETWORKING TECHNOLOGIES

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LIKE DEEP PACKET INSPECTIONS ARE PART OF WHAT MAKES THE MODERN INTERNET POSSIBLE. BUT THESE TECHNOLOGIES ARE

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INHERENT TO OUR USE. AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS USE THEM TO CENSOR THE INTERNET, SILENCE PROTEST, AND TIGHTEN

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POLITICAL CONTROL. MANY HAVE HEARD ABOUT CHINA, BUT

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THE FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY OF CENSORSHIP IS GLOBALLY ON THE RISE.

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ACCESS NOW, DIGITAL RIGHT ADVOCACY GROUP, THROUGH THEIR

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DIGITAL COALITION, RECORDED MORE THAN 50 CASES OF POLITICAL CENSORSHIP IN 21 COUNTRIES JUST

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FOR THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THIS YEAR. JUST IMAGINE IN THE TIME

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SURROUNDING A MAJOR ELECTION, OR DURING A PERIOD OF SOCIAL

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UNREST, COMMUNICATION TOOLS, ACCESS TO SOCIAL MEDIA, SUDDENLY GET CUT OFF.

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HOW HOPELESS THIS MUST BE FOR ACTIVISTS. WHEN PROTESTERS ARE KILLED AND

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PEOPLE CANNOT EVEN UPLOAD PICTURES TO BEAR WITNESS, DEMOCRACY DIES IN SUCH DARKNESS.

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AND TO FIGHT BACK, WE NEED NEW TOOLS TO BRING TRANSPARENCY AND

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ACCOUNTABILITY TO INTERNET CENSORSHIP. FOR INSTANCE, I FOUND AT CENSOR

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PLANET AN OBSERVATORY FOR CENSORSHIP THAT TRACKS THE AVAILABILITY OF THOUSANDS OF

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SENSITIVE WEBSITES, AT LEAST 221 COUNTRIES, IN CLOSE TO REAL TIME. USING CENSOR PLANET DATA,

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RESEARCHERS AND ACTIVISTS CAN RAPIDLY ACT ON CENSORSHIP EVENTS AS THEY HAPPEN.

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LET ME GIVE YOU SOME EXAMPLE. TWO YEARS AGO WE INVESTIGATED

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THE GOVERNMENT ATTEMPTING TO INTERCEPT USERS' ENCRYPTED

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TRAFFIC BY FORCING ITS USERS TO INSTALL A BROWSER UPDATE. WE DISCOVERED THEY ARE
TARGETING

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GOOGLE AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA LIKE TWITTER AND FACEBOOK.

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AND WE WORK WITH BROWSER MAKERS LIKE CHROME AND MOZILLA TO BLOCK THIS ATTACK AND
HELP MILLIONS OF

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USERS OVERCOME THIS CENSORSHIP. ANOTHER EXAMPLE IS LAST SPRING,

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RUSSIA STARTED TRUNDLING TWITTER, ACCESS TO TWITTER SO MUCH TO FORCE THE COMPANY TO

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COMPLY WITH ITS TAKE-DOWN REQUEST. WE REVERSE ENGINEERED THE ATTACK

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AND DOCUMENTED THE SCOPE AND INNER WORKINGS. AND THESE FINDINGS EMPOWERED

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RUSSIAN OPPOSITION JOURNALISTS AND OTHER JOURNALISTS TO HEAVILY

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CRITICIZE RUSSIA'S ATTACK ON INTERNET FREEDOM. BEYOND HOLDING CENSORS

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ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH TRANSPARENCY, WE ALSO NEED TO PROVIDE TECHNOLOGIES TO HELP

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PEOPLE EVADE CENSORSHIP. AND THANKS TO SUPPORTS FROM STATE DEPARTMENT AND OPEN

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TECHNOLOGY FUND, CONVENTION TOOLS LIKE SIPHON, TOUR AND

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OTHERS ARE USED BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN HEAVILY CENSORED AREAS. OF COURSE, CENSOR IS GOING TO

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FIGHT BACK AND ATTEMPT TO BLOCK THESE TOOLS, BUT SOME OF THE COUNTRIES' LEADING RESEARCHERS

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HAVE DEVELOPED A TECHNOLOGY CALLED REFRACTION NETWORKING WHICH ESSENTIALLY REWIRED THE

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INTERNET IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GOOD ISPs TO MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR GOVERNMENT TO BLOCK IT.

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THIS SUMMER, DURING PROTESTS IN CUBA, REFRACTION NETWORKING SAW

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A THOUSANDFOLD INCREASE IN TRAFFIC FROM THE ISLAND, WHICH INDICATES THE INCREDIBLE POTENTIAL OF THIS TECHNOLOGIES.

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ANTI-CENSORSHIP TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING MONITORING AS

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CONVENTION TOOLS, GIVE US HOPE THAT THE INTERNET CAN REMAIN A PLACE OF FREE SPEECH AND

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DEMOCRATIZATION AND THE INTERNET COMMUNITY CAN HOLD THE CENSORING GOVERNMENTS TO ACCOUNT.

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>> DOCTOR ANSAFI, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ANOTHER ISSUE IS MANIPULATED

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PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS. THESE THINGS UNDERMINE TRUTH, THEY UNDERMINE TRUST.

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TECHNOLOGISTS ARE FINDING WAYS TO ADDRESS THIS. TAKE A LOOK AT HOW ADOBE AND THE CONTENT AUTHENTICITY INITIATIVE

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ARE DOING SO.

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>>> IN TODAY'S DIGITAL WORLD, ONE OF THE GREATEST THREATS FACING DEMOCRACY IS THE DELUGE

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OF MISINFORMATION WE ENCOUNTER ONLINE EVERY DAY. MOSTLY MANIPULATED CONTENT LIKE

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VIDEOS AND AUDIO THAT INFLUENCE PERCEPTIONS. A COMMON SHARED UNDERSTANDING OF THE FACTS IS ESSENTIAL TO

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DEMOCRACY. WITHOUT THE TOOLS AND RESOURCES TO NAVIGATE THIS ENVIRONMENT, PEOPLE ARE UNABLE TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A MANIPULATION AND THE TRUTH.

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WE NEED THE COLLECTIVE SOLUTION TO RESTORE TRANSPARENCY AND TRUST IN THE CONTENT WE ARE CONSUMING ONLINE.

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THAT'S WHY ADOBE CREATED THE CONTENT AUTHENTICITY INITIATIVE OR C.A.I. ALONG WITH FOUNDING

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PARTNERS "THE NEW YORK TIMES" AND TWITTER. THE C.A.I. IS AN OPEN SOURCE TECHNICAL SOLUTION THAT PROVIDES PEOPLE THE INFORMATION THEY NEED

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TO EVALUATE THE CONTENT THEY'RE SEEING ONLINE AND TO MAKE MORE INFORMED DECISIONS ABOUT WHETHER

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TO TRUST IT OR NOT. THE C.A.I. TAKES NEITHER TECH COMPANIES NOR GOVERNMENTS SHOULD

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BE THE SOLE ARBITERS OF TRUTH. IT EMPOWERS PEOPLE WITH THE

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TOOLS TO MAKE DECISIONS THEMSELVES. >> THE C.A.I. TECHNOLOGY IS FOCUSED ON DIGITAL CONTENT.

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LIKE IMAGES, VIDEOS AND AUDIO. FOR EXAMPLE, BY ATTACHING IMPORTANT INFORMATION SUCH AS

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NAME, LOCATION AND EDIT HISTORY TO AN IMAGE, PEOPLE CAN SEE

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KB EXACTLY WHERE THE IMAGE CAME FROM AND WHAT HAPPENED TO IT ON THE WAY INCLUDING HOW AND WHEN

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IT MAY HAVE BEEN MODIFIED. THIS INFORMATION WILL TRAVEL WITH THE IMAGE WHEREVER IT GOES ONLINE SO WHEN PEOPLE SEE IT ON

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THEIR FEEDS, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CLICK ON THE ICON AND ALL

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THAT INFORMATION WILL BE DISPLAYED. THEY CAN VIEW A BEFORE AND AFTER VERSION OF THE IMAGE, THEN THEY CAN DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES IF

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THEY WANT TO TRUST IT. THIS C.A.I. TECHNOLOGY IS

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OPT-IN. CREATORS CAN USE IT AND SHARE ONLY THE INFORMATION THEY WANT. WITH THIS APPROACH, CREATORS WHO WANT TO BE TRUSTED HAVE A WAY TO

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SHOW THEIR WORK AND PEOPLE HAVE A WAY TO VERIFY THE CONTENT THEY ARE CONSUMING.

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THE VISION FOR C.A.I. IS THAT AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE BECOME AWARE OF THIS TECHNOLOGY, THEY WILL COME TO EXPECT THAT

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IMPORTANT CONTENT WILL HAVE

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PROVENANCE ASSOCIATED WITH IT. THE C.A.I. HAS ALREADY BEEN INCORPORATED IN THE CREATIVE SOFTWARE TOOLS AND WE EXPECT TO

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SEE IT IMPLEMENTED IN MANY MORE PRODUCTS OVER THE COMING YEARS. IN JUST TWO YEARS, THE CONTENT

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AUTHENTICITY INITIATIVE HAS GONE FROM THREE FOUNDING PARTNERS TO MORE THAN 500 MEMBERS, INCLUDING

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NIKON, GETTY IMAGES, MICROSOFT, BBC, AND THE "WASHINGTON POST," TO NAME A FEW.

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THE MEMBERS SPAN THE ENTIRE CONTENT ECO SYSTEM IN CREATING AND SHARING DIGITAL CONTENT,

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FROM IMAGE CAPTURE AND CAMERA COMPANIES TO SOFTWARE COMPANIES, NEWS PUBLISHERS, SOCIAL MEDIA

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PLATFORMS, ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS.

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PROVE NANCE TECHNOLOGY WITHIN EACH OF THESE PLATFORMS WOULD ENABLE PEOPLE TO TRACK CONTENT

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EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. WITH THAT IN MIND, WE ALSO FOUNDED THE C-2-P-A.

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THE COALITION FOR PROVE NANCE

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TECHNOLOGY. THIS IS SO COMPANIES CAN SEAMLESSLY IMPLEMENT DIGITAL

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PROVE NANCE IN THEIR PRODUCTS. HAVING AUTHENTICITY IN WHAT PEOPLE SEE ONLINE IS YUSHL AS

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WE'VE SEEN IN SEVERAL NEWS CASES. >> RESEARCHERS AT STANFORD AND

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COLLABORATED WITH PHOTO JOURNALISTS FROM REUTERS TO ATTACH VERIFIED INFORMATION

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TO IMAGES TAKEN DURING EACH DAY OF THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION. THE GOAL IS SIMPLE.

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SAFEGUARD DATA FROM A PHOTOGRAPHER'S CAMERA LENS THROUGHOUT THE PUBLISHING PROCESS, ALL THE WAY TO THE

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READER'S WEB BROWSER. SO PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD COULD TRUST THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE PHOTOS THEY WERE VIEWING, NO MATTER

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WHERE THEY WERE VIEWING THEM FROM. AS PHOTOGRAPHERS DOCUMENTED EACH OF THOSE 78 HISTORIC DAYS, THEIR

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WORK WAS RAPIDLY SEALED INTO AN UNTAMPERED TRANSPARENT

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HISTORICAL RECORD. THIS ARCHIVE WILL BETTER STAND THE TEST OF TIME AND SERVE AS A

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MODEL FOR HOW JOURNALIST KZ CUT THROUGH DIGITAL NOISE AND PROTECT THEIR WORK AND THEIR

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SAFETY. >> IMAGE AND ADVISE YOE AUTHENTICITY PLATFORM, WE'RE WORKING WITH THE NEAR EAST

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FOUNDATION TO HELP IT PROVIDE TRANSPARENT AND LEGITIMATE ACCESS TO CAPITAL, TO SMALL AND MEDIUM BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT

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NORTHEAST SYRIA. THE NEAR EAST FOUNDATION USES SECURE MEDIA TECHNOLOGY TO KEEP

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TENS OF THOUSANDS OF IMAGES AND VIDEOS AS PART OF ITS DUE DILIGENCE ON LOAN DISBURSEMENT

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AND PAYMENTS FOR LOANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. >> WHILE THE WORK IN

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AUTHENTICITY IS CRITICAL, GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD ALSO HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF

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TECHNOLOGIES TO FIGHT MISINFORMATION AND IN HELPING THE PUBLIC TO UNDERSTAND THEIR BENEFITS.

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WE NEED TO TACKLE THIS FROM ALL ANGLES. OUR CONTINUED COLLABORATION IS VITAL.

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BY CONNECTING THE KNOWLEDGE AND PERSPECTIVES ACROSS THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS AND CIVIL

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SOCIETY TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE THE COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL APPROACH THAT IS NEEDED TO INCREASE TRUST AND TRANSPARENCY

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IN OUR DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT.

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>> AND THANK YOU TO ADOBE AND THE CONTENT AUTHENTICITY INITIATIVE.

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AS WAS MENTIONED IN THE VIDEO, YOUR COMPANY TRUE PICK IS AMONG THOSE DEVELOPING CONTENT

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AUTHENTICITY AND PROVE NANCE TECHNOLOGY. WOULD YOU TELL US MORE ABOUT

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THESE TOOLS AND HOW THEY WILL HELP FOSTER TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY? >> SURE, JEANNE.

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THANK YOU. I WANT TO START BY GOING A LITTLE BIT BACK TO UNDERSTAND

7:55:42

THE UPS AND DOWNS OF TECHNOLOGIES AND HOW WE ARRIVED HERE TODAY.

7:55:49

WHEN THE SHAW TOOK OVER IN SYRIA AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH, I TOOK

7:55:55

DOWN TO THE STREET WITH TEARS OF JOY IN MY EYES.

7:56:00

FEW YEARS LATER, I WAS NAMED ONE OF THE MOST WANTED DEMOCRATIC

7:56:07

ACTIVISTS FOR THE ASSAD REGIME. MY PROFOUND TRANSITION OCCURRED

7:56:14

WITHIN 72 HOURS OF ME HAVING ACCESS TO THE INTERNET.

7:56:20

MY ACCESS AWAKENED ME OUT OF THE GATES OF INDOCTRINATION AND

7:56:28

ISOLATION. NOW, UNABLE TO STOP THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION,

7:56:34

AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES UNLEASHED A STATE-SPONSORED CAMPAIGN OF

7:56:41

DISINFORMATION. QUICKLY PEOPLE WERE GENUINELY

7:56:46

UNABLE TO TELL TRUTH FROM FAKE.

7:56:51

THEY BECAME EITHER INDIFFERENT OR RILED UP BY WILD

7:56:57

CONSPIRACIES. AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES WERE SUCCESSFUL TO THE LEVEL THAT EVEN MY OWN MOTHER WASN'T SURE

7:57:04

WHETHER I WAS A FOREIGN AGENT, RADICALIZED ISLAMIST, OR A

7:57:10

NUMBER OF ANY OTHER WILD CONSPIRACIES. NOW, THE REGIME ACTUALLY -- THE

7:57:19

TRUTH IS WHAT THEY ARE AFRAID OF, AND THE TRUTH ABOUT MY WORK

7:57:24

WAS JUST ANOTHER RUMOR FLOATING ONLINE. AND TO BE HONEST, IT WAS THE

7:57:32

LEAST INTERESTING TWEET. UNDERMINING THE REALITY ONLINE

7:57:37

DID NOT ONLY SEND PEOPLE UNDER AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES BACK TO

7:57:42

THE DARK, IT HAS ALSO CAST A DARK CLOUD OVER ALL WESTERN

7:57:51

DEMOCRACIES. THIS IS DESTINED TO BE WORSE WITH THE RISE OF DEEP FAKES.

7:57:56

HOWEVER, I'M NOT HERE TODAY TO SHARE A MESSAGE OF PESSIMISTIC

7:58:01

MESSAGE. I'M HERE TO SHARE A MESSAGE OF OPTIMISM, AND IT IS ABOUT THE

7:58:08

INNOVATION OF PROVENANCE TECHNOLOGY.

7:58:14

PROVENANCE IS STRAIGHTFORWARD PHILOSOPHY. IF WE CANNOT TELL WHAT'S FAKE

7:58:20

ONLINE, LET'S STICK TO PROVING WHAT'S REAL. AND PROVENANCE DOES THIS

7:58:29

INCREDIBLY SO WELL BY USING CRIPTOGRAPHY TO PROVIDE

7:58:37

TRANSPARENCY OVER THE HISTORY

7:58:43

FROM THE MINUTE OF ITS CREATION TO THE MOMENT IT'S USED ONLINE. IF PEOPLE LOSE THE POWER TO TELL

7:58:50

THEIR STORY AND PEOPLE HAVE

7:58:56

GLOBAL INDIFFERENCE, DELUSION CAN FOLLOW. AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO

7:59:05

TODAY. MAINSTREAMING PROVENANCE TECHNOLOGY IS A CRITICAL STEP WE

7:59:11

HAVE TO COMBAT THIS INFORMATION AND EMPOWER DEMOCRACIES AROUND THE WORLD.

7:59:20

BUT DISINFORMATION IS NOT THE ONLY FRONTIER PROVENANCE

7:59:25

TECHNOLOGY IS WORKING ON. WE HAVE PARTNERED WITH THE NEAR EAST FOUNDATION TO MONITOR AND

7:59:33

TRACK A LENDING PROGRAM IN ISIS-HELD TERRITORY BACK IN THE

7:59:39

DAYS. THIS PROGRAM IS RUNNING THROUGHOUT SYRIA, AND THE TECHNOLOGY IS ENABLING THE NEAR

7:59:46

EAST FOUNDATION TO TRACK, MONITOR, AND VERIFY THEIR ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS IN

7:59:54

REAL-TIME, PROVIDING UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF INTEGRITY AND CONFIDENCE IN THEIR

8:00:04

OPERATIONS. THE TECHNOLOGY, THE TECHNOLOGY IS ENABLING ALL THESE PROFOUND

8:00:11

CHANGES, AND PROVENANCE TECHNOLOGY IS NOT SOMETHING COMING IN THE FUTURE.

8:00:16

IT IS ALREADY HERE TODAY.

8:00:21

AND THE OPEN STANDARD -- THE OPEN STANDARD FOR THE INTERNET TO BE USED ON THE INTERNET IS

8:00:27

BEING DRAFTED AND WRITTEN TODAY BY THE CONTENT AUTHENTICITY

8:00:34

INITIATIVE AND THE C 2 BA AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE WORLD TO USE.

8:00:40

IN SPITE OF THE DARK CLOUD THAT'S OVER OUR HEAD TODAY WITH

8:00:45

DISINFORMATION AND OTHERS, I TRULY BELIEVE BY HAVING ALL OF

8:00:50

US WORKING TOGETHER, GOVERNMENTS, CIVIL SOCIETY, NON-FOR PROFITS AND TECH LEADERS

8:00:58

AND CONFIDANTS, THAT TOMORROW IS A MUCH BETTER DAY FOR DEMOCRACIES. THANK YOU. >>
RAMI, THANKS SO MUCH.

8:01:07

GBENGA SESAN, LET ME TURN TO YOU. DO YOU BELIEVE THE GOALS OF CIVIL SOCIETIES LIKE YOUR
OWN

8:01:13

ARE BEING MET BY THESE TECHNOLOGIES? AND BECAUSE AS WE'VE DISCOVERED SADLY, MANY
TECHNOLOGIES

8:01:18

INTENDED FOR GOOD HAVE BEEN USED AS TOOLS OF REPRESSION AND CONTROL, DO YOU FEEL ADEQUATE

8:01:23

ATTENTION IS BEING GIVEN TO SAFEGUARD AND BUILDING THEM IN?

8:01:30

>> THANK YOU.

8:01:35

WHEN THERE IS AN ELECTION IN, SAY, AN AFRICAN COUNTRY AND THE

8:01:41

GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO SHUTDOWN THE INTERNET, OR WHEN THERE IS A

8:01:47

PROTEST BY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO WANT BETTER DEMOCRATIC OPPORTUNITIES,

8:01:57

WHAT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE PARADIGM INITIATIVE DO IS TO RELY ON THE

8:02:02

TOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT, TOOLS THAT ARE DEMOCRACY ENHANCING, TO USE THOSE TOOLS TO

8:02:10

HELP PEOPLE TO STAY CONNECTED AND HAVE ACCESS. NOW, TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION, WE

8:02:16

HAVE SEEN OBVIOUSLY THERE IS TOOLS THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO USE, FOR EXAMPLE, AS I SPEAK TO YOU IN MY OWN COUNTRY NIGERIA,

8:02:23

YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE PLATFORMS, TWITTER, IS BANNED IN THE COUNTRY. BUT CITIZENS ARE ABLE TO USE

8:02:29

THAT BECAUSE OF VPN. SO WE ACTUALLY DO HAVE A LOT OF TOOLS THAT ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE

8:02:36

OF DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION, OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, AND ALSO

8:02:44

OPPORTUNITIES, BUT WE NEED MORE. IN TERMS OF NOT JUST BUILDING

8:02:50

TRUST AND SAFETY AND SUCH INTO THE TOOLS, BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF AWARENESS AND IN TERMS OF EASE

8:02:56

OF USE. AND I SAY AWARENESS BECAUSE ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DO BEFORE

8:03:01

ELECTIONS AND BEFORE ACTIVITIES THAT WE KNOW CAN TRIGGER THE

8:03:06

REACTION OF GOVERNMENTS THAT, YOU KNOW, WANT TO CLAMP DOWN ON

8:03:11

DIGITAL SPACES IS TO START EDUCATING. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A

8:03:16

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY THAT WHEN WE BUILD TOOLS, WE NOT ONLY BUILD

8:03:23

THE TOOLS, THINKING OF SPACES WHERE THERE IS RELIABLE INTERNET ACCESS AND ALL OF THAT, BUT WE

8:03:31

THINK OF THE 40% WHO ARE OFFLINE, OR 60% WHO ARE OFFLINE

8:03:42

BUT HAVE RELIABLE CONSISTENT INTERNET. WE NEED TO THINK OF THOSE WHEN WE BUILD THE TOOLS.

8:03:47

LET ME GIVE YOU A PRACTICAL EXAMPLE. WHEN I OPEN SOME APPLICATIONS WHEN I'M AT HOME IN NIGERIA, YOU

8:03:52

KNOW, ONCE IN A WHILE, SOME OF THOSE APPLICATIONS ASSUME THAT BECAUSE MY INTERNET ACCESS IS

8:03:58

SLOW, THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG. BUT THAT'S NOT THE CASE. IT'S JUST BECAUSE THAT IS MY

8:04:04

REALITY. MY REALITY IS THAT I DON'T HAVE, YOU KNOW, FAST RELIABLE INTERNET

8:04:11

ALL THE TIME. AND SO THERE ARE TIMES WHEN IT IS SLOW, SO I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WHEN WE BUILD

8:04:17

THESE TOOLS, THAT WE NOT ONLY CONSIDER THEM AS TOOLS THAT WILL BE USED ACROSS THE WARD, BUT

8:04:25

THERE IS ALSO A VERY, VERY, EASY OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO UNDERSTAND

8:04:30

THESE TOOLS. AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY, ONE THING THAT ORGANIZATIONS CAN

8:04:35

BENEFIT FROM AND CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THIS DEBATE IS THAT WHEN

8:04:40

TECHNOLOGISTS AND BUSINESSES BUILD THESE TOOLS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO WORK WITH CIVIL

8:04:47

SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO WORK WITH PEOPLE ON THE GROUND

8:04:52

IN ORDER TO GIVE IT BACK. SO IF YOU ARE BUILDING A TOOL FOR ME TO USE IN CERTAIN

8:04:58

CIRCUMSTANCES, IF YOU'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED A CIRCUMSTANCE BEFORE, IF YOU'VE NEVER

8:05:05

ENCOUNTERED INTERNATIONAL -- BEFORE, IT MEANS THAT WHATEVER YOU BUILD FOR ME TO USE THE

8:05:10

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDS DOESN'T BENEFIT FROM LIVED EXPERIENCE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO DO THAT.

8:05:15

AND SECONDLY -- THIS IS WHY I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT THE UK AND THE U.S. HAVE ANNOUNCED NOW THAT

8:05:22

THERE WILL BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR TECHNOLOGISTS ACROSS THE WORLD TO BUILD NEW TOOLS THAT

8:05:28

ARE DEMOCRACY AFFIRMING. AND I DEFINITELY KNOW THAT MANY

8:05:34

TECH YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN ACROSS THE CONTINENT IN AFRICA AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH WILL TAKE

8:05:39

ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD SOLUTIONS AROUND THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY EXPERIENCE EVERY DAY.

8:05:45

THIS IS THE REASON, BY THE WAY, WHY AT PARADIGM INITIATIVE, WE

8:05:51

HAD TO BUILD THE PLATFORM -- WHICH BASICALLY ALLOWS CITIZENS

8:05:58

IN ANY OF THE COUNTRIES WE WORK OR ANY COUNTRY ACROSS THE CONTINENT TO NOT JUST REPORT,

8:06:04

YOU KNOW, VIOLATIONS OF THEIR RIGHTS, BUT TO REPORT THE VIOLATIONS, TRACK PROGRESS ON

8:06:11

HOW PARTNERS ARE HELPING THEM SEEK JUSTICE, AND THEN BE ABLE TO SEE INFORMATION ABOUT, YOU

8:06:17

KNOW, WHEN REDRESS HAS BEEN SOUGHT. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE HERE IS

8:06:24

THAT WHEN WE INCREASINGLY HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THE END, AT THE RECEIVING END OF MANY OF

8:06:30

THESE VIOLATIONS, WE'LL HAVE A LOT MORE OF THEM INVOLVED IN DISSOLUTIONS AND CERTAIN

8:06:37

ORGANIZATIONS WHO WORK DIRECTLY WITH THOSE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN BUILDING THE SOLUTIONS, WE WILL

8:06:42

HAVE BETTER PRODUCTS. AND I'M GLAD THAT, YOU KNOW, FROM ALL I'VE HEARD TODAY THAT WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE A LOT OF

8:06:49

THAT HAPPEN, AND I'M EXCITED BECAUSE THE MORE REPRESSION WE SEE, THE MORE WE WILL ALSO SEE

8:06:57

PUSHBACK FROM NATIONS ACROSS THE WORLD THAT MEAN WELL FROM

8:07:02

BUSINESSES, CIVIL SOCIETY, FROM ACADEMIA. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT YEAR WHEN WE WILL HAVE A LOT

8:07:10

MORE, ACTUALLY THIS AREA, WHEN PEOPLE WHO ARE RECEIVING VIOLATIONS WILL BE STRONGLY

8:07:16

INVOLVED IN BUILDING TOOLS THAT WILL HELP THEM NOT JUST TO SEEK REDRESS, BUT TO STAY SAFE AND

8:07:23

CONNECTED, EVEN IN TIMES WHEN GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE REPRESSIVE CHOOSE TO DO THE WRONG THING --

8:07:33

EXCLUDE THEM FROM THAT SPACE. >> DOCTOR, THANK YOU. THERE ARE ALWAYS NEW THREATS ON THE HORIZON IN TERMS OF HOW

8:07:39

TECHNOLOGIES ARE BEING MISUSED. WHAT NEW CHALLENGES ARE EMERGING AND HOW ARE YOU AND OTHERS IN

8:07:45

ACADEMIA WORKING TO BLUNT THEIR IMPACT AND STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE?

8:07:51

>> THE SENSE, THE TECHNOLOGY OF CENSORSHIP AND SURVEILLANCE IS

8:07:56

CHANGING. AS YOU SAID, THAT RAISES NEW CHALLENGES FOR INTERNET FREEDOM.

8:08:01

ENCRYPTION IS BECOMING PERVASIVE.

8:08:06

MANY GOVERNMENTS ARE TURNING TO APPS TO KEEP TABS ON DISSIDENTS. CITIZEN LAB, A RESEARCH GROUP,

8:08:13

FOCUSES ON DIGITAL THREATS, HAVE WORKED FOR YEARS TO EXPOSE DETAILS ABOUT NSL GROUPS, SPY

8:08:23

WARE. HOW IT IS BEING USED TO TARGET CITIZENS AND HUMAN RIGHT

8:08:29

DEFENDERS. THERE IS ALSO SUCH TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND REPORTING. JUST TWO WEEKS AGO U.S. IMPOSED

8:08:36

SANCTIONS ON THE ISRAELI COMPANY FOR THREATENING THE CYBER

8:08:41

SECURITY OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND DISSIDENTS. OTHER DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BUILD UPON THIS EFFORTS

8:08:48

AND UNDERTAKE A COORDINATE EFFORTS TO ISOLATE AND DETER THESE TYPES OF BAD WORKS.

8:08:56

WE ALSO SEE THAT GOVERNMENTS,

8:09:02

CENSORSHIP STRATEGIES HAVE BEEN SHIFTING TOWARDS COERCING PLATFORMS AND TECHNOLOGY

8:09:07

COMPANIES TO TAKE DOWN UNDESIRABLE CONTENT ON THEIR BEHALF.

8:09:12

FOR EXAMPLE, JUST TWO MONTHS AGO GOOGLE AND APPLE, UNDER PRESSURE

8:09:18

OF RUSSIA, TOOK DOWN A STRATEGY VOTING APP CREATED BY ALLIES OF

8:09:23

THE RUSSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER ALEXEY NAVALNY FROM THEIR ONLINE

8:09:30

STORES. IN DEFENSE OF TAKE DOWNS IN JEN,

8:09:36

TO COMPANIES' SITE RESPECT FOR LOCAL LAWS OR THEIR SAFETY OF IN-COUNTRY EMPLOYEES FOR

8:09:42

COMPLYING. BUT NEVERTHELESS, THEY CONTRIBUTE TO THE EROSION OF

8:09:51

DEMOCRACY. MORE DUE TO THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY, WE DON'T KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF THESE COMPANIES

8:09:57

COOPERATION WITH AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES. ARE THEY TAKING DOWN CONTENTS

8:10:02

AND APPS FROM CATEGORIES LIKE NEWS, RELIGIONS, LGBTQ,

8:10:07

OPPOSITIONS BLOG? WE DON'T KNOW. AND THEIR CURRENT TRANSPARENCY

8:10:17

REPORTS ARE TOO COARSE AND TOO HIGH LEVEL. THE TAKEDOWN REQUEST, THE

8:10:23

COUNTRY OVER A MONTHS LONG PERIOD, WHICH IS VALUABLE FOR ACADEMICS AND RESEARCHERS TO BENEFIT FROM.

8:10:30

I CALL ON DEMOCRATIC NATIONS TO DEMAND A GREATER TRANSPARENCY

8:10:36

WHEN TECH COMPANIES COOPERATE IN CENSORSHIP. BUT ALSO SUPPORT THIS INDUSTRY

8:10:43

TO RESIST PRESSURES FROM RUSSIA, CHINA AND OTHER REGIMES.

8:10:49

IN THE MEANTIME, THE ANTI-CENSORSHIP COMMUNITY IS NOT STANDING STILL.

8:10:54

THE LAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE SEEN FLOURISHING CORPORATIONS BETWEEN

8:11:00

ACCREDITED RESEARCHERS, TECHNOLOGIES, UNDERGROUND ACTIVISTS AROUND THE WORLD.

8:11:07

AND AS MENTIONED, THIS RELATIONSHIP HELPS ENSURE THAT

8:11:12

THE EFFECTIVE TECHNICAL RESPONSES GET INTO THE HANDS OF CITIZENS WHEN THEY NEED THEM.

8:11:19

THEY ALSO PUT GOVERNMENTS ON NOTICE THAT ACCURACY EFFORTS TO

8:11:24

CONTROL INFORMATION WILL BE REVEALED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

8:11:30

>> THANK YOU. SECRETARY OF STATE DORES, WE HEARD DR. ENSAFI REFER TO THE

8:11:35

PACE OF TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE. I'M WONDERING HOW GOVERNMENTS,

8:11:41

INDUSTRY, ACADEMIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY CAN WORK TOGETHER TO

8:11:46

EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENTLY DEVELOP AND DEPLOY DEMOCRACY-AFFIRMING

8:11:51

TECHNOLOGIES? >> THAT IS A VERY SICK ISSUE AND I AM DELIGHTED THAT YOU RAISED IT. TECH IS GLOBAL BY ITS NATURE.

8:11:57

AND AS I SAID BEFORE, IT DOESN'T RECOGNIZE BORDERS AND NEITHER SHOULD WE. SO WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO

8:12:03

MAKE SURE THAT OUR VERSION OF THE TECH REVOLUTION, ONE THAT IS OPEN AND DEMOCRATIC, IS ONE

8:12:11

WHICH PREVAILS. I THINK THERE ARE LOTS OF DIFFERENT ASPECTS TO THIS. JUST RECENTLY WE HOSTED THE

8:12:18

UK -- IN THE UK THE FUTURE TECH FORUM WHERE FOLLOWING G 7

8:12:24

DIGITAL TRACK, WE HOSTED A RANGE OF PRODUCTIVE AND PRACTICAL CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, BUSINESSES AND

8:12:31

CIVIL SOCIETY ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL AS THE CHALLENGES FROM THE DIGITAL

8:12:36

ECONOMY AS TECHNOLOGY EVOLVES, AND HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO

8:12:41

TACKLE THEM. TECH HAS BROUGHT HUGE BENEFITS TO FREE NATIONS ALL OVER THE

8:12:48

WORLD, BUT ALSO ULTIMATELY WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THE UK AND WITH

8:12:53

PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD IS TO ENSURE THAT THE TECH REVOLUTION IS A DEMOCRATIC ONE. BUT, OF COURSE, THERE IS THE

8:13:01

OTHER SIDE TO THE COIN. AND GIVEN THE VAST POWERS OF TECH TODAY, THERE IS ALSO

8:13:08

UNFORTUNATELY VAST POTENTIAL FOR IT TO BE USED TO CAUSE HARM. AND WE NEED GOVERNMENTS,

8:13:14

BUSINESSES AND CIVIL SOCIETY TO WORK TOGETHER ON THESE VERY

8:13:20

DIFFICULT CHALLENGES. AND FROM WHAT I SAW AT THE FUTURE TECH FORUM AND FROM WHAT I HEARD, THERE IS NOW REAL

8:13:26

POLITICAL WILL AND REAL MOMENTUM ACROSS THE GLOBE TO SET SOME

8:13:32

SOLID GROUND RULES, AND RULES THAT I BELIEVE WILL DEFINE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF TECH.

8:13:39

>> SECRETARY OF STATE DORES, THANK YOU.

8:13:44

RAMI NAKHLA, NEW TECHNOLOGIES MEANS NEW CHALLENGES. TALK TO US ABOUT, IF YOU WOULD,

8:13:50

THOSE AND HOW THEY WOULD BE ADDRESSED BY THE TECHNOLOGY SECTOR. >> THANK YOU, JEANNE.

8:13:56

AS ALL MY COLLEAGUES ON THE PANEL HAVE MENTIONED, THE RAPID ADVANCES OF TECHNOLOGIES HAVE

8:14:01

TOOK US TO UNCHARTED TERRITORY AND LEFT US ALL DIZZY, TO BE

8:14:10

HONEST. THIS RAPID PROGRESS IS UNPRECEDENTED AND, OF COURSE,

8:14:15

MISTAKES HAVE BEEN MADE ALONG THE WAY. HOWEVER, I CAN CLEARLY SEE A

8:14:22

MATURITY IN THIS SPACE RIGHT NOW. AND RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT THE

8:14:30

DOUBLE-EDGE SWORD NATURE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES. AT THE C 2 BA FROM DAY ONE, WE

8:14:38

WERE AWARE OF THESE THREATS AND WE ESTABLISHED A THREATS AND

8:14:45

HARMS TASK FORCE TO IMAGINE AND

8:14:50

ENVISION ALL THE POSSIBLE WAYS BAD ACTORS COULD MISUSE AND

8:14:59

ABUSE THIS TECHNOLOGY. IT IS SHARED BY WITNESS ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS A GLOBAL

8:15:05

LEADER ON HUMAN RIGHTS VIDEO. AND I PERSONALLY OVER A DECADE

8:15:11

AGO, I WAS TRAINED BY THIS ORGANIZATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

8:15:17

DOCUMENTATION. SO WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER AS CIVIL SOCIETY, NONPROFITS AND

8:15:24

TECH LEADERS TO IMAGINE ALL POSSIBLE SCENARIOS THAT THIS

8:15:30

TECHNOLOGY COULD GO WRONG. AND FROM THIS SIDE, FROM THE GROUND UP, WE ARE BUILDING A

8:15:39

RE RESILIENCE INTO THESE TECHNOLOGIES. NOW, OF COURSE, WE ARE UNDER NO

8:15:44

ILLUSION THAT WE CAN IMAGINE EVERY POSSIBLE MISUSE CASE THAT

8:15:49

BAD ACTORS CAN DEPLOY THIS TECHNOLOGY.

8:15:54

THEREFORE, WE ARE ALWAYS READY AND ON A MOMENT NOTICE TO

8:16:00

ADDRESS THESE NEW CHALLENGES. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO IMAGINE WHAT

8:16:05

THE NEW CHALLENGES COULD BE. HOWEVER, WE ARE READY TO ADDRESS

8:16:11

THESE CHALLENGES AS THEY COME ALONG. AND, OF COURSE, AS WE ALL KNOW

8:16:18

AS LEADERS AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERS, THEY ARE QUICK TO ACT AND QUICK TO RESPOND AND QUICK

8:16:24

TO SOLVE EVERY NEW PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A CHALLENGE

8:16:31

HERE, WHICH IS USUALLY BUSINESSES AND TECH

8:16:36

ORGANIZATION, THEY MOVE AT A MUCH FASTER PACE THAN GOVERNMENTS. THERE IS A
FUNDAMENTAL

8:16:42

DIFFERENCE HERE IN THE NATURE OF THESE INSTITUTIONS THAT MAKES

8:16:48

GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDABLY SLOW

8:16:53

TO REACT. HOWEVER, THERE IS A SILVER LINING HERE. IF WE LOOK AT THE GOVERNMENT'S

8:17:00

RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, IT WAS A RAPID

8:17:05

EFFECTIVE RESPONSE IN TIMELY MANNER AROUND THE WORLD. I THINK THERE IS A LOT TO LEARN

8:17:13

HERE FROM THIS EXPERIENCE. I TRULY BELIEVE THAT DIGITAL PANDEMICS ARE JUST AS SERIOUS AS

8:17:21

HEALTH PANDEMIC. AND GOVERNMENTS CAN TAP INTO THIS EXPERIENCE THAT THEY HAVE

8:17:30

BUILT AND WORK AS A TASK FORCE FOR DIGITAL PANDEMICS WHERE THEY CAN WORK CLOSELY WITH
BUSINESSES

8:17:39

TO MAINSTREAM. IF YOU THINK MODERNA AND PFIZER

8:17:46

CAME UP WITH A VACCINE AT RECORD TIME, WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE HOW QUICK THE COMPANIES CAN
ISSUE A

8:17:52

FIX OR FIX A BUG IN THE SYSTEM AND IN THE TECHNOLOGY. HOWEVER, RULING IT OUT MEANS

8:18:01

STREAMING THIS TECHNOLOGY AGAIN TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES. THIS COULD BE A CHALLENGE.

8:18:07

AND WITH GOVERNMENT HELP, WITH PARTNERSHIP, WITH GOVERNMENTS, I

8:18:14

BELIEVE WE CAN BE ON TOP OF THESE CHALLENGES THAT MIGHT ARISE. WE ARE PLANNING FOR IT.

8:18:20

WE ARE PLANNING FOR SURPRISES, AND WE ARE READY TO ADDRESS IT. WHAT WE NEED RIGHT NOW IS THIS

8:18:30

TASK FORCE FROM GOVERNMENTS, TECH LEADERS, CIVIL SOCIETY TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO ANY NEW

8:18:38

EMERGING THREAT IN THE DIGITAL SPACE, AND THANK YOU. THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE OUR

8:18:44

RESPONSE SHOULD BE. >> THANK YOU.

8:18:50

GBENGA SESAN, YOU TALKED ABOUT PRACTICAL USE OF THESE

8:18:55

TECHNOLOGIES, RELIABLE INTERNET SERVICE. I WONDER IF YOU THINK THERE ARE ADEQUATE GUARDRAILS TO PROTECT

8:19:01

MEMBERS OF CIVIL SOCIETIES TO PROTECT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE YOUR OWN. >> THANK YOU.

8:19:07

SPEAKING OF OBSTACLES, I THINK ONE OF THE OBSTACLES THAT WE SEE

8:19:14

UNFORTUNATELY, YOU KNOW, AND I'LL SPEAK TO GOVERNMENT FIRST,

8:19:20

IS THE FACT THAT WHEN THERE IS A CONVERSATION ABOUT, YOU KNOW,

8:19:26

HUMAN RIGHTS OR ABOUT CONTENT MODERATION AND ALL OF THOSE TOPICS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES, SAY

8:19:34

IN THE GLOBAL KNOFF, THOSE CONVERSATIONS DON'T ALWAYS TRANSLATE EXACTLY THE SAME WAY

8:19:41

IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH, ESPECIALLY FOR GOVERNMENTS THAT ALREADY HAVE AN AGENDA TO CLAMP DOWN. LET ME GIVE YOU PRACTICAL

8:19:47

EXAMPLE. WHEN YOU DISCUSS CONTENT MODERATION IN, SAY, IN

8:19:52

PARLIAMENT OR IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU HAVE THAT CONVERSATION, WHAT

8:20:00

HAPPENS IS UNFORTUNATELY MANY GOVERNMENTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE COUNTRIES WHERE WE WORK IN

8:20:05

AFRICA, MANY OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS USE THIS CONVERSATIONS AS EXCUSES TO

8:20:11

CLAMP DOWN, BASICALLY SAYING THAT, YOU KNOW WHAT, THE WHOLE WORLD IS TALKING ABOUT HOW TO

8:20:16

MAKE SURE THAT SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES DON'T MISBEHAVE, SO WE HAVE TO CLAMP DOWN ON THEM. SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT

8:20:22

THAT WE AVOID EVEN PERCEIVED HYPOCRISY, BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY IT WILL TRANSLATE INTO AN EXCUSE

8:20:28

WHEN IT CROSSES OVER TO A GOVERNMENT THAT ALREADY HAS A CLAMP-DOWN AGENDA.

8:20:34

BUT I BELIEVE THERE IS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY ALSO FROM BUSINESSES. AND WE SAY THIS ALL THE TIME,

8:20:39

THAT HUMAN RIGHTS IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS. BUT I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME WE

8:20:44

WALKED THAT TALK. FIRST IS AT THE CENTER OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY, AND BUSINESSES

8:20:50

NEED TO STOP PLAYING THE POLITICAL GAME OF THEIR POLICY

8:20:56

TEAMS SAYING RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS. MEANWHILE, THE BUSINESS TEAM IS MORE FOR COST ON ANYTHING THAT

8:21:01

WILL HELP THE BOTTOM LINE, EVEN IF IT HURTS RIGHTS. WE NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE SURE THAT TRUST AND RESPECT FOR

8:21:08

HUMAN RIGHTS ARE AT THE CENTER OF THOSE BUSINESSES. AND I BELIEVE THAT WHAT THE

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ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO IS TO TAKE THIS DEMOCRACY AND TOOLS AND TRAIN

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PEOPLE, TRAIN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS ON HOW TO USE THEM. BECAUSE IT IS IN TRAINING AND EXTENDING THE USE THAT WE'LL BE

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ABLE TO SEE THE BENEFITS OF ALL THESE TOOLS WE ARE DEVELOPING. >> THANK YOU. WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH

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OF YOU TO OFFER SOME FINAL THOUGHTS. MAYBE EVEN A CALL TO ACTION.

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DR. ENSAFI, WHY DON'T WE BEGIN WITH YOU. >> SURE. MINE IS A LITTLE BIT PERSONAL.

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I GREW UP IN IRAN AND I SAW FIRSTHAND HOW HEAVY INTERNET

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CONTROLS DEGRADE HUMAN DIGNITY. AND NOW I'M RAISING MY OWN BABY

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DAUGHTER. I WANT TO MAKE SURE INTERNET

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TECHNOLOGY UPHOLDS THE PROMISE IN DECADES TO COME AS A FORCE FOR FREEDOM.

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THIS IS WHY SUCH WORK AND PANELS LIKE THIS IS SO IMPORTANT.

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>> RAMI NAKHLA, DO YOU HAVE SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FOR US?

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>> ABSOLUTELY. I WILL END UP BY SAYING BASICALLY WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND

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THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MISLED BY

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INFORMATION. BEING MYSELF A VICTIM OF INDOCTRINATION AND

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MISINFORMATION, AS A HUMAN, WE HAVE EVOLVED TO PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT WE FEAR THE MOST.

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AND HAVING SO MANY RUMORS AND CONSPIRACIES ARE OUT THERE, PEOPLE WOULD PAY ATTENTION TO

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WHAT THEY FEAR THE MOST AND ACT UPON IT. WHAT WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS

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WORKING ALTOGETHER THROUGH MEANS, THROUGH TECHNOLOGY, TO --

8:23:09

A SENSE OF TECHNOLOGY AROUND THE WORLD. AND I BELIEVE I HAVE A CLEAR

8:23:15

OPTION TO SEE WHAT REALITY IS. PEOPLE WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO

8:23:21

RUN AFTER WILD CONSPIRACY AND BECOME RILED UP BY IT. WE HAD A BIG HOPE TODAY, AND I'M

8:23:28

TRULY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE FUTURE, BUT WE ALL NEED TO WORK

8:23:33

TOGETHER IN THIS REGARD. THANK YOU, JEANNE. >> THANK YOU.

8:23:39

SESAN, IT IS UP TO YOU TO GIVE US THE LAST WORD FOR THE PANEL. >> THANK YOU. OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS WE WILL

8:23:45

HAVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT DEMOCRACY. UNFORTUNATELY SOME OF THE

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LEADERS OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES WILL COME HERE, SOME WILL SPEAK ABOUT DEMOCRACY WHILE IN THEIR

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OWN COUNTRIES, UNDEMOCRATIC PRACTICES ARE GOING ON. I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME WE TOLD

8:24:03

OURSELVES THE TRUTH. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF GOVERNMENT. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BUSINESSES. IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF

8:24:09

ACADEMIA, IT IS INTEREST OF STOW SITE AND ALL CITIZENS TO BUILD TRUE DEMOCRATIC PRACTICES,

8:24:16

CREATE LEVEL PLAYING FIELDS, AND MAKE SURE THAT WE STOP HYPOCRISY OF SAYING WE RESPECT RIGHTS

8:24:23

WHILE ON THE GROUND WE ARE DISRESPECTING DIGITAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS. LET'S WORK AND TALK AND BUILD A

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DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY SO WE CAN ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF THE DIGITAL ECONOMY. >> I WANT TO THANK YOU, TO SAY

8:24:37

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL PANELISTS TODAY. UK SECRETARY OF STATE NADINE

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DORES, DR. ENSAFI OF MICHIGAN,

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MR. NAKHLA AND MR. SESAN. AND MR. LANDERS, THE DIRECTOR OF

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THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY, OVER TO YOU. >> THANK YOU, JEANNE. THAT WAS A REALLY FANTASTIC

8:25:06

PANEL. A HUGE, HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PANELISTS FOR THE GREAT PRESENTATIONS, AND EVEN MORE FOR

8:25:13

THE AMAZING WORK THAT YOU'RE DOING AND YOUR COLLEAGUES ARE DOING, AND FOR GIVING US SO MUCH TO THINK ABOUT. SERIOUSLY, THANK YOU.

8:25:18

LET ME CLOSE WITH JUST A FEW QUESTIONS.

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PRI PRIVACY-ENHANCING TOOLS, CONTENT AUTHENTICITY TOOLS,

8:25:29

ANTI-CENSORSHIP TOOLS, THE THINGS WE HEARD ABOUT TODAY BROUGHT IMPORTANT WAYS TO

8:25:34

ADVANCE DEMOCRATIC NORMS. BUT WHAT ELSE MIGHT BE POSSIBLE? BECAUSE TECHNOLOGY CHANGES SO

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RAPIDLY. HOW CAN WE STAY ON TOP OF IT? HOW CAN WE CONSTANTLY BE

8:25:45

ADAPTING AND STAYING AHEAD? AND HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT THE RIGHT VALUES ARE UPHELD AND

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PROMOTED? NORMS, ETHICS, GUARDRAILS, REGULATIONS THAT FOCUS ON HOW

8:25:57

TECHNOLOGIES ARE DESIGNED AND BUILT AND USED ARE VITAL TO FORGING THE FUTURE THAT WE WANT.

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THE LAST THREE DECADES, THEY'VE TAUGHT US THAT INNOVATION CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT BE A NEUTRAL

8:26:10

BYSTANDER. IT MUST BE AN ACTIVE CHAMPION OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES. SO I'M VERY INSPIRED BY THE

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CUTTING-EDGE WORK THAT WE'VE HEARD ABOUT IN THIS DISCUSSION. IT IS SO IMPORTANT BECAUSE EVERY

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YEAR NEW CHALLENGES RISE THAT REQUIRE US TO REIMAGINE, RENEW AND DEFEND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY.

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THERE IS A LOT OF WORK TO DO. AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE CALLING ON

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EVERYONE TO JOIN US IN THIS MISSION TO MAKE THE NEXT GENERATION OF TECHNOLOGIES WORK

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FOR DEMOCRACY. SO, THANK YOU AGAIN TO OUR

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MODERATOR, JEANNE, TO OUR DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, AND TO ALL OF YOU FOR JOINING TODAY. STAY TUNED FOR MORE FROM THE

8:26:51

SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY OVER THE COMING DAYS. BACK TO YOU, JEANNE. >> DR. LANDER, THANK YOU VERY

8:26:57

MUCH FOR HOSTING THIS CONVERSATION WHICH COULDN'T BE MORE IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY.

8:27:03

I'M GOING TO BE HANDING THE BATON OVER TO REBECCA MCKINNON WHO IS THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR GLOBAL ADVOCACY AT THE WIKIPEDIA

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FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT SESSION. SHE WILL MODERATE A SESSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET, THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY CONTINUES

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IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS.

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>>> HELLO, I'M REBECCA MCKIN ENAND I'LL BE MODERATING HOW THE

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INTERNET IS REGULATED AND USED IN A WAY THAT PROTECTS HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUPPORTS DEMOCRACY.

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I AM ESPECIALLY HONORED TO BE LEADING THIS CONVERSATION GIVEN THAT MY JOB IS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF A GLOBAL MOVEMENT

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DEDICATED TO THE SHARING OF FREE KNOWLEDGE ACROSS BORDERS. I AM VICE PRESIDENT FOR GLOBAL

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ADVOCACY AT THE WIKI MEDIA FOUNDATION, THE NONPROFIT FOUNDATION THAT SUPPORTS A

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GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF VOLUNTEERS WHO RUN PROJECTS LIKE WIKIPEDIA.

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YOU'VE PROBABLY USED IT, THE FREE ONLINE ENCYCLOPEDIA IN OVER 300 LANGUAGES THAT ANYBODY CAN

8:39:02

ACCESS AND EDIT, WHOSE CONTENT RULES ARE SET AND ENFORCED BY OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF

8:39:08

VOLUNTEERS. I'M JOINED BY THREE PEOPLE IN THIS CONVERSATION.

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ANDREA ESTERHEISEN, THE ADVISORY GROUP OF THE UNITED NATIONS

8:39:19

INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM WHO HAS ALSO BEEN ACTIVE AROUND THE WORLD FOR YEARS
ADVOCATING FOR

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DIGITAL RIGHTS AND ON THE AFRICAN SUBCONTINENT WHERE SHE HAS BEEN LIVING FOR HER ENTIRE

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LIFE. AND NINA, UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RELATIONS OF THE

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MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF FINLAND. AND TIM WU, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT OF
THE UNITED

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STATES FOR TECHNOLOGY AND COMPETITION POLICY. SO, THE PANDEMIC'S MADE US ALL

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MORE DEPENDENT ON THE INTERNET THAN EVER BEFORE. WE NEED A FREE AND OPEN INTER

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OPERABLE AND SECURE INTERNET IN ORDER FOR OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO THRIVE. BUT
IT'S MORE THAN THAT.

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WE NEED THE INTERNET TO EXERCISE OUR RIGHTS, NOT ONLY AS CITIZENS OF NATIONS, BUT ALSO AS
HUMAN

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BEINGS WHOSE LIVELIHOODS, ARTISTIC PURSUITS, EDUCATION AND EVEN POLITICS ARE INCREASINGLY

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GLOBAL. WHETHER IT'S EDITING WIKIPEDIA, JOINING THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT TO FIGHT CLIMATE
CHANGE, OR

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SUPPORTING THE GLOBAL ME TOO MOVEMENT AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE OR ANY OTHER
SOCIAL

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MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY WE MAY WANT TO BE PART OF. SOME OF OUR AUDI
YENCE WILL

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REMEMBER THE RHETORIC THAT PERSISTED THROUGH THE 2000s, EMANATING FROM POLICY MAKERS,

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TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES, THE MEDIA AND MUCH 69 HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY EVEN ABOUT HOW THE INTERNET WOULD BE INHERENTLY

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DEMOCRATIZING AND LIBERATING. BUT A DECADE LATER, MANY PEOPLE ARE BLAMING THE INTERNET FOR A

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LOT OF SOCIETY'S ILLS AND THE CORROSION OF DEMOCRACY IN MUCH OF THE WORLD.

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DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ARE TAKING ACTION TO HOLD TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALLOWING THEIR PLATFORMS AND

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TECHNOLOGIES TO BE USED IN WAYS THAT CAUSE HARM, AND EVEN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. BUT WE NEED TO BE CAREFUL TO

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AVOID AN OVER CORRECTION THAT WOULD DENY COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD OF A POWERFUL TOOL TO

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IMPROVE THEIR LIVES AND SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER. AND WE'VE LEARNED THE INTERNET

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WILL ONLY SUPPORT DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IF WE ALL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING THAT IT DOES. WE SHOULD ALL BE CONCERNED THAT

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THE INTERNET IS ACTUALLY LESS FREE NOW WITH MORE BARRIERS AND BLOCKAGES THAN TEN YEARS AGO.

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IMAGINE YOUR GOVERNMENT SHUTTING DOWN THE ENTIRE INTERNET IN YOUR CITY, OR EVEN AN ENTIRE COUNTRY BEFORE AN ELECTION, OR IN

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RESPONSE TO PROTESTS. THE BLOCKING OF ENTIRE WEBSITES AND APPS REMAINS ALL TOO COMMON,

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AND AUTOCRATS AND DICTATORS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES USING THESE

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TACTICS TO CONTROL WHEN THEY FEEL THREATENED. SOME DEMOCRATICALLY GOVERNMENTS

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REPRESENTED IN THE SUMMIT ENGAGE IN SUCH PRACTICES. THEN THERE ARE THE BILLIONS OF PEOPLE ACROSS THE PLANET WHO

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STILL DON'T HAVE RELIABLE INTERNET ACCESS, INCLUDING TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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ALSO HERE IN THE U.S., WE LACK PRIVACY LAW THAT WOULD PROTECT PEOPLE FROM UNWANTED TRACKING

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AND PROFILING BY INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES IN WAYS THAT

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ENABLE TARGETED MANIPULATION AND UNACCOUNTABLE SURVEILLANCE. THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRATIC OPEN

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SOCIETIES AROUND THE WORLD IS NOW IRREVERSIBLY LINKED TO HOW THE INTERNET EVOLVES.

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WE NEED DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS TO STEP UP, NOT JUST TO ARTICULATE, BUT TO LIVE UP TO A

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VISION FOR A GLOBAL OPEN INTERNET THAT PROTECTS AND ADVANCES HUMAN RIGHTS.

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BUT THAT VISION WON'T BE REALIZED BY GOVERNMENTS ALONE. THE COMPANIES THAT DESIGN AND OPERATE NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES

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HAVE TO CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS IN WAYS THAT ACTUALLY SUPPORTS HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACIES AND THOSE OF US IN CIVIL SOCIETY,

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ACTIVISTS, RESEARCHERS, INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS AND PEOPLE WHO BUILD FREE KNOWLEDGE

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PROJECTS ALL HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN HOLDING GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE TO HUMAN RIGHTS

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COMMITMENTS AND STANDARDS. BUT WE ALSO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES WORK COLLABORATIVELY

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WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENTS RUN BY CITIZENS OF MANY COUNTRIES THAT SHARE COMMON

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COMMITMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES. WE NEED NEW THINKING AND

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LEADERSHIP TO ENSURE PEOPLE EVERYWHERE CANNOT ONLY USE THE INTERNET, BUT ALSO HAVE A CHANCE

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TO PARTICIPATE IN SHAPING ITS FUTURE. OUR PANELISTS WILL TALK ABOUT SOME OF THE EFFORTS THAT MANY PEOPLE WATCHING US TODAY MAY NOT

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BE FAMILIAR WITH, BUT HAVE BEEN UNDERWAY FOR MANY YEARS IN AN EFFORT TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES TO AN OPEN INTER OPERABLE,

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RELIABLE AND SECURE INTERNET. WE'LL ALSO HEAR FROM THE WHITE HOUSE REGARDING THEIR EFFORTS TO WORK WITH PARTNERS AND ALLIES ON

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AN ALLIANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET, WHICH BRINGS ME TO PROFESSOR WU.

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>>> DEMOCRACIES HAVE MADE COMMITMENTS TO INTERNET FREEDOM RIGHTS IN THE PAST AND THEY FALL

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SHORT OF THEIR PROMISES. SO HOW DOES THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION VIEW THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEMOCRACY

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AND THE INTERNET, AND HOW WILL THIS NEW ALLIANCE OF COUNTRIES THAT YOU'RE PUTTING TOGETHER

8:44:16

WORK TO MEET THEIR COMMITMENTS? >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

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LET ME ANSWER YOUR QUESTION BY STARTING A VERY SIMPLE PLACE.

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DO YOU REMEMBER THE '90s? LET'S GO BACK TO THAT TIME WHEN THE INTERNET FIRST EVOLVED FROM BEING AN OBSCURE RESEARCH

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NETWORK INTO SOMETHING THAT REACHED MILLIONS OF PEOPLE. AT THE TIME WE ALL AGREED THAT THE INTERNET HELD, AND I BELIEVE

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IT STILL HOLDS, AN IMMENSE PROMISE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF DEMOCRACY.

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MANY SAW THE DESIGN ITSELF AS ESSENTIALLY DEMOCRATIC IN NATURE. IT WAS AN OPEN NETWORK OF

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NETWORKS, A SINGLE INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM FOR ALL OF HUMANITY. AND MOREOVER, I'LL SAY FROM THE

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BEGINNING THE TECHNICAL PROTOCOLS WERE GOVERNED BY MULTI-STAKEHOLDER APPROACH. STILL ARE.

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IT WAS UNDERSTOOD TO BE RESISTANT TO AUTHORITARIAN DIRECTION OR CONTROL. AND AS YOU HIGHLIGHTED EARLIER,

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THERE WAS SOMETHING IN THE '90s VISION FOR EVERYONE. FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND INVENTORS,

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THERE WAS THE PROMISE OF REACHING CUSTOMERS DIRECTLY WITH NEW PRODUCTS. FOR ARTISTS AND CREATORS, THERE WAS NEW AUDIENCES.

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FOR EVERYONE UNFETTERED ACCESS TO KNOWLEDGE. AND ROOM FOR NEW COMMUNITIES, LIKE WIKIPEDIA YOU MENTIONED OF

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A KIND NEVER SEEN BEFORE. AND WITH THE SPREAD OF THE INTERNET CAME, INDEED, A SWELL

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OF INNOVATION, VIBRANT COMMUNITIES, INCREASED DATA FLOWS, AND THE MARKET GROWTH,

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INVENTION OF NEW DIGITAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT NOW HAVE COME TO PERMEATE EVERY ASPECT OF OUR DAILY LIVES.

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IN SHORT, GOOD STUFF. IT WAS, IN FACT, THE DREAM OF THE '90s. AND MUCH OF THIS DOVETAILED AT

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THE TIME OF BROADER OPTIMISM ABOUT DEMOCRACY'S MARCH THROUGH HISTORY, THROUGH THE WORLD, AS MANY OF THE FORMERLY COMMUNIST

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AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS SOUTH AMERICA, EASTERN EUROPE AND ASIA, HELD THEIR FIRST DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS IN DECADES.

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PLACES LIKE CHILE, THE CZECH REPUBLIC JUST TO NAME A FEW. UNFORTUNATELY, SINCE THAT TIME

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OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES, THERE HAVE BEEN A FEW BUMPS IN THE ROAD. IN FACT, MORE THAN A FEW.

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I'D SAY THE TROUBLE BEGAN WHEN SOME GOVERNMENTS FIRST STARTED ERECTING FIREWALLS TO BLOCK

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CONTENT AND NEWS REPORTING AT THEIR BORDERS, BLOCKING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, DENYING OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL

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FREEDOMS. IT WAS ABOUT 20 YEARS AGO WHERE PLACES LIKE CITIZENS LAB FOUNDED BY RONALD, THE BURKEMAN CENTER,

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WHICH WAS HEADED BY JOHNSON SAINT JAMES STARTED BLOCKING.

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SOME INSTITUTED TECHNO MEASURES TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO

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JOURNALISM, INFORMATION SERVICES IN WAYS THAT ARE CONTRARY TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS. THIS TREND HAS ONLY GOTTEN

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WORSE. SOME COUNTRIES HAVE MADE ACTIVE USE OF THE INTERNET AS A MEANS TO INTERFERE WITH THE ELECTIONS

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OF OTHER COUNTRIES. STATE SPONSORED OR CONDONED MALICIOUS CYBER ACTIVITY IS ON

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THE RISE AS WELL. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, RANSOMWARE HAS BEEN ON THE RISE. SO THERE'S A WHOLE SLATE OF

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PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE PUBLIC SIDE. ON THE PRIVATE SIDE, AS YOU MENTIONED EARLIER, PRIVACY

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CONCERNS HAVE GROWN AS COMPANIES HAVE BEGUN TO STOCKPILE AND EVEN SELL DATA. SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS,

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MOREOVER, HAVE PROVEN TO BE POTENT VECTORS FOR THE SPREAD OF MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION, SOMETHING THE

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LAST PANEL WAS TALKING ABOUT THE LAST SESSION. AND REALLY IN SOME WAYS TURNING PEOPLE AGAINST EACH OTHER,

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TURNING WHOLE SOCIETIES INTO FACTIONS. THESE ARE FORMIDABLE CHALLENGES,

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EVEN THE MOST DETERMINED INTERNET OPTIMIST WOULD HAVE TO ADMIT. BUT THE UNITED STATES BELIEVES

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WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE AND WE SHOULD MEET THOSE CHALLENGES RATHER THAN PRETENDING THAT ALL IS WELL, PRETENDING THAT THE

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ORIGINAL VISION REMAINS UNCHALLENGED AT ALL. IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD, WE

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BELIEVE, TO RESPOND MORE FORCEFULLY AND MORE DIRECTLY. WE NEED TO PUT FORTH A POSITIVE

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VISION. WE NEED TO EMBRACE AND REAFFIRM A VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET THAT RECOMMITS GOVERNMENTS TO DEFENDING HUMAN

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RIGHTS AND FOSTERING EQUITABLE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY. NOW, IN OTHER WORDS, IS THE TIME

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FOR US TO TAKE A STAND, TO SAY WHAT WE BELIEVE IN, AND FOR GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE MORE RESPONSIBILITY.

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WE ALONG WITH OUR LIKE MINDED PARTNERS AND ALLIES BELIEVE THAT DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES CAN

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REINFORCE DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE INTERNET CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AN OPEN

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ECONOMY FOR BUSINESSES LARGE AND SMALL, AND MAINTAIN CONNECTIONS BETWEEN OUR SOCIETIES.

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AND WE BELIEVE THAT TECHNOLOGY CAN SUPPORT DEMOCRATIC DELIBERATION.

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IN SHORT, THE DREAM OF THE '90s IS ALIVE IN WASHINGTON, AT LEAST IF SOMEWHAT BATTERED AND MORE

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REALISTIC. BUT WE REMAIN OPTIMISTS NONETHELESS. WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHAT WE ARE

8:48:57

WORKING TOWARDS IS REALLY SOMETHING LIKE A NEW COVENANT, A NEW ALLIANCE FOR THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET.

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FOR WE BELIEVE THAT THE DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD SHOULD COMMIT THEMSELVES TO DEFENDING AN OPEN INTER OPERABLE, RELIABLE

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AND SECURE INTERNET. IN SHORT, WE NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN, AND I'M NOT SAYING WE NEED TO THROW AWAY WHAT CAME BEFORE,

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BUT WE REALLY NEED TO DOUBLE DOWN ON WHAT MADE THE INTERNET GREAT IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND THEN ALSO TRY TO REPAIR WHAT

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ISN'T WORKING. WHAT WE NEED THIS TO DO -- WHAT WE NEED TO DO THIS -- SORRY, TO DO THIS IS TO MAKE VERY CLEAR

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WHAT COUNTRIES SHOULD BE DOING AND WHAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE DOING WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING

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AND PROMOTE BEING OUR SHARED VISION FOR THE INTERNET. AND THIS CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT, I WANT TO MAKE CLEAR, BE JUST AN

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AMERICAN PROJECT. IT CANNOT BE JUST THE UNITED STATES SAYING, ALL RIGHT, HERE IS THE ANSWER. IT NEEDS TO BE A MUCH BROADER

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EFFORT INVOLVING GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD, AND IT ALSO NEEDS TO INVOLVE CIVIL SOCIETY.

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IT SHOULD BUILD, AS WE'LL DISCUSS, ON PREEXISTING EFFORTS WHETHER IN MULTI STAKEHOLDER FOR

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ALIKE GF OR OTHER MULTI STAKEHOLDER GROUPS OR OTHER

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GOVE GOVERNMENTAL FOR A, THE NCD, G 7. WHAT WE SHOULD BUILD ON IS THE WORK THAT SO MANY HAVE BEEN

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DOING FOR SO MANY YEARS. WHETHER YOU GO BACK TO ANCIENT HISTORY AND PEOPLE LIKE JCR

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LICKLER WHO HAD INTER GALACTIC,

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NOT TO MENTION CARL BAKER, MARGARET -- I ALWAYS SAY HER NAME WRONG, AND REBECCA OUR

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MODERATOR, PANELISTS, ALL THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING LONG ON THESE EFFORTS. BUT WHAT WE'RE SAYING HERE, IT

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IS REALLY TIME FOR THE DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD, FOR THE NATION STATES TO STEP UP, REINFORCE THIS VISION AND DO OUR

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PART TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ENSURE AND WE DOUBLE DOWN ON THIS ORIGINAL VISION AND REPAIR IT

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FOR THE FUTURE. SO, I THINK THAT WHAT WE NEED TO DO, WE BELIEVE WHAT WE NEED TO

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DO IS NEED TO ARRIVE AT AND COMMIT TO BASIC PRINCIPLES THAT INFORM WHAT STATES SHOULD AND

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SHOULD NOT BE DOING WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING A POSITIVE VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE

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INTERNET. LET ME BE VERY CLEAR ABOUT THIS. THIS EFFORT IS NOT ABOUT TRYING TO CREATE NEW NORMS IN ANY

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BROADER SENSE. THIS EFFORT IS TRYING TO ANSWER THE NARROW, WE WOULD SAY CRUCIAL

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QUESTION OF WHAT CONSTITUTES RESPONSIBLE STATE BEHAVIOR WITH RESPECT TO THE GLOBAL INTERNET.

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AND LET ME MENTION SOME OF THE OBVIOUS PRINCIPLES. >>> FIRST, STATES SHOULD RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS ONLINE AS REFLECTED

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IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS. COUNTRIES SHOULD PROMOTE

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AFFORDABLE, INCLUSIVE AND RELIABLE ACCESS TO THE INTERNET FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

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WHEREVER THEY NEED IT AND SUPPORT EFFORTS TO CLOSE DIGITAL DIVIDES AROUND THE WORLD. WE SHOULD ALL STRENGTHEN OUR

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WORK TO COMBAT VIOLENCE ONLINE INCLUDING GENDER AND SEXUAL-BASED VIOLENCE AND TO MAKE THE INTERNET A SAFER PLACE

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FOR WOMEN, GIRLS, CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS. AND WE SHOULD REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENTS TO ACTIONS TAKEN BY

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GOVERNMENTS AND DIGITAL PLATFORMS TO REDUCE ILLEGAL AND HARMFUL CONTENT ONLINE AND CONSISTENT WITH HUMAN RIGHTS,

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NORM LAW, INCLUDING THE RIGHT OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. WHILE WE ARE ALSO ENCOURAGING AT

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THE SAME TIME DIVERSITY OF OPINION AND PLURALISM WITHOUT CENSORSHIP, A DELICATE BALANCE, BUT ONE THAT IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL THAT WE STRIKE.

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>>> SO, THOSE ARE THINGS THAT NATION STATES SHOULD BE DOING. AND I WANT TO SAY, ON THE OTHER

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HAND, HERE ARE WHAT COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE DOING WITH RESPECT TO THE INTERNET AND TRY AND MAKE THIS CLEAR.

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SOME OF THE THINGS WE SHOULD NOT BE DOING IS, NUMBER ONE, AVOID

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BLOCKING OR DEGRADING ACCESS TO LAWFUL CONTENT SERVICES AND APPLICATIONS CONSISTENT WITH THE

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PRINCIPLES OF NET NEUTRALITY, AND THE APPLICABLE LAW INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW.

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COUNTRIES SHOULD AVOID MISS USING OR ABUSING THE INTERNET OR

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ALGORITHMIC TOOLS FOR AUTHORITARIAN AND SURVEILLANCE, INCLUDING DEVELOPING SOCIAL

8:52:56

SCORE CARDS AND OTHER MECHANISMS OF SOCIAL CONTROL OR PRE-CRIME DETENTION OR ARREST.

8:53:01

NO COUNTRY SHOULD USE THE INTERNET TO UNDERMINE THE ELECTORAL INFRASTRUCTURE, ELECTIONS AND POLITICAL

8:53:06

PROCESSES OF OTHER COUNTRIES. AND FINALLY, COUNTRIES SHOULD AVOID UNDERMINING THE

8:53:11

MULTI-STAKEHOLDER SYSTEM OF INTERNET GOVERNANCE, INCLUDING THE DEPLOYMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ITS MAIN TECHNICAL PROTOCOLS.

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AND OTHER RELATED THESE ARE JUST THE BASICS.

8:53:23

THIS IS NOT A COMPLETE LIST. I THINK OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE OTHER LISTS BUT I WANT TO SAY

8:53:28

THIS IS THE FOUNDATION. AND I WANT TO CLOSE MY ANSWER, I REALIZE IT IS A LONG ANSWER, BY

8:53:33

LINKING TO A GROWING MOVEMENT BOTH HERE AND BEYOND TO REIMAGINE WHAT THE INTERNET AND

8:53:39

WEB CAN BE IN FACE OF THE CHALLENGES WE'VE HAD OVER THE LAST TWO DECADES.

8:53:45

I'LL MENTION A FEW OF THE WORK. THE REIMAGINING OPEN DOCUMENTS.

8:53:52

THE GLOBAL COMMISSION DID VERY IMPORTANT WORK IN THIS AREA. AND STAN HARRIS HAS BEEN DOING

8:53:58

WORK. THERE IS A GLOBAL MOVEMENT UNDER WAY RIGHT NOW THAT IS TRYING TO

8:54:04

IMAGINE WHAT THE INTERNET SHOULD AND CAN BE FOR THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY AND WE'RE DETERMINED THAT NATION STATES AND THAT WE

8:54:10

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DO OUR PART AS DEMOCRATIC STATES. AND THAT WE ULTIMATELY RECOGNIZE

8:54:21

THAT IT IS INCON K COCONSUME CO BENT UPON US TO TAKE ACTION.

8:54:28

AND IT IS TIME TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP FOR THIS FIT THAT WE CAN ALL SEE. SO I WILL ADMIT THAT WAS A LONG

8:54:34

ANSWER, PUT A LOT IN THERE, BUT THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. >> THANK YOU, PROFESSOR WU.

8:54:40

I KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE ALREADY STARTING TO PUT TOGETHER THE

8:54:46

CRITERIA FOR SCORECARDS TO BENCHMARK ALL THE ASSEMBLED GOVERNMENTS AT THE SUMMIT TO SEE

8:54:51

TO WHAT EXTENT THOSE COUNTRIES ARE CURRENTLY LIVING UP TO THOSE

8:54:56

COMMITMENTS YOU CITE AND WE'LL BE TRACKING THE PROGRESS VERY CLOSELY I'M SURE.

8:55:02

BUT I TURN NOW TO UNDER

8:55:09

SECRETARY OF STATE VASKUNLAHTI OF FINLAND. AND YOUR NATION HAS BEEN LEADING

8:55:15

AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COALITION OF GOVERNMENTS CALLED THE FREEDOM ONLINE COALITION,

8:55:20

ONE OF THE MANY ORGANIZATIONS AND INITIATIVES THAT WE JUST

8:55:25

HEARD ABOUT. AND IT CELEBRATED ITS 10th ANNIVERSARY UNDER FINLAND'S LEADERSHIP.

8:55:30

AND GIVEN THAT FREEDOM ONLINE IS MORE CHALLENGED THAN EVER, THE INTERNET IS LESS FREE THAN IT WAS TEN YEARS AGO WHEN THE FOC

8:55:38

GOT LAUNCHED, WHAT DO YOU THINK WE'VE LEARNED OVER THE PAST DECADE ABOUT HOW WE CAN ACTUALLY

8:55:45

BETTER PROTECT AND EXPAND HUMAN RIGHTS ONLINE? >> RIGHT.

8:55:51

THANK YOU. IT IS GREAT TO BE ON THIS PANEL TONIGHT. INDEED FINLAND HAS BEEN SHARING

8:55:59

THE FREEDOM ONLINE COALITION THIS YEAR. AND THE FREEDOM ONLINE COALITION

8:56:04

IS THE LEADING BODY THAT PROMOTE HE IS AND PROTECTS HUMAN RIGHTS ONLINE. IT GATHERS TOGETHER 34

8:56:10

GOVERNMENTS FROM ALL CONTINENTS. IT GATHERS TOGETHER 34 GOVERNMENTS FROM ALL CONTINENTS ONLINE. IT GATHERS TOGETHER 34

8:56:15

GOVERNMENTS FROM ALL CONTINENTS. IT GATHERS TOGETHER 34 GOVERNMENTS FROM ALL CONTINENTS. FWRS H. THE PAST TEN YEARS,

8:56:22

THE -- [INAUDIBLE]. EXCUSE ME.

8:56:29

>> WE CAN HEAR YOU. >> CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> YES. >> SO FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS,

8:56:37

THERE HAVE BEEN GLOBAL FORUMS AND RAISED AWARENESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ONLINE.

8:56:44

IN THE LAST -- EXCUSE ME? >> WE HEAR YOU. I'M NOT SURE IF YOU ARE GETTING

8:56:49

SOME TECHNICAL INTERFERENCE ELSEWHERE. >> YES, I GET A LOT OF INTERFERENCE. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

8:56:54

IN THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE WORK HAS EXPANDED TO DEAL WITH

8:57:00

QUESTIONS OF INCLUSION, DISINFORMATION, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

8:57:06

LAST WEEK FINLAND ORGANIZED A MEETING, 30 MINISTERS ATTENDED,

8:57:12

INCLUDING SECRETARY OF STATE MR. BLINKEN AND ALSO HILLARY CLINTON

8:57:21

ON HOW TO REGULATE ONLINE CONTENT. AND BY THE WAY, YOU CAN WATCH THE LIVE STREAM OF THE MEETING

8:57:29

AT THE FINLAND FOREIGN MINISTRIES WEBSITE. AND JUST LAUNCHED THE HELSINKI

8:57:36

DECLARATION, IT WILL DIRECT THE COALITION'S WORK IN THE 2020s.

8:57:44

AND THEY WILL STRIVE THAT IS RULES BASED, DEMOCRATIC AND INCLUSIVE.

8:57:49

AND AS SAID IN THE DECLARATION, THE INTERNET MUST REMAIN FREE, OPEN, SECURE AND RELIABLE

8:57:58

WORLDWIDE. IT MUST BE GLOBALLY ACCESSIBLE TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE REGARDLESS OF
BACK GROUND OR

8:58:06

GENDER. THE OPEN INTERNET IS BEING CHALLENGED BY LONG TERM DEMOCRATIC DECLINE,
REGULATORY

8:58:12

AND TECHNICAL FRAGMENTATION AND IN A YEAR OF SHEAR POLITICAL

8:58:17

COMPETITION AND ENCONFRONTATION. EVERY YEAR SOME GOVERNMENTS RESTRICTED ACCESS TO
THE

8:58:25

INTERNET. INDEPENDENT NEWS SITES. AND THREATEN AND INTIMIDATE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS
AND

8:58:30

INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IN THE GOVERNMENT OF COALITION ARE
ABLE

8:58:38

TO ACT PUBLICLY IN RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS INCLUDES CONDEMNING THE USE OF THE
INTERNET AND TECHNOLOGIES

8:58:48

FOR [INAUDIBLE] PURSUITS. AND DURING OUR CHAIRMANSHP, WE

8:58:53

SOUGHT A WAY TO RAISE AND REACT TO HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTIONS, INCLUDING UNDER SPECIFIC

8:58:59

SITUATIONS IN REALTIME. ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL

8:59:05

COMMUNICATION UNION, ROUGHLY 40% OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION IS STILL OFFLINE. BUILDING TRUST IN A SAFE SPACE

8:59:13

IS ONE IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THOSE WHO ARE ONLINE.

8:59:19

THIS INFORMATION, ACCIDENT AND ONLINE VIOLENCE CAN ERODE TRUST ONLY IN DIGITAL SPACES BUT ALSO

8:59:26

IN DEMOCRACIES. IN FINLAND, WE ARE WELL AWARE OF

8:59:32

CROSS BORDER MISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS. HOWEVER, HERE WE HAVE HIGH

8:59:39

RESILIENCE AGAINST WILL DISINFORMATION DUE TO HIGH LEVEL TRUST THIS GOVERNMENTS AND HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION FOR ALL.

8:59:46

THIS INCLUDES DIGITAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL SKILLS IMPORTANT FOR ALL OF US. AND IT IS IMPORTANT TO EDUCATE

8:59:51

ALL USERS ON HOW TO ANALYZE INFORMATION OF STATE AND SAFE

8:59:57

ONLINE AND HOW TO USE THE SPACE FOR ENHANCING PERSONAL LIVELIHOODS AND WELL-BEING.

9:00:03

GOVERNMENTS HAVE AN IMPORTANT ROLE SUPPORTING SELF-EDUCATION

9:00:10

INITIATIVES. BUILDING A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR ALL

9:00:15

IS A STAKEHOLDER -- HERE WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THE NETWORK,

9:00:21

REPRESENTATIVES OF CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEMIA AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

9:00:26

IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL TO PROMOTE BUILDING ACROSS REGIONS

9:00:32

AND ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE AMONG THE INTERNET FREEDOM.

9:00:39

DURING OUR CHAIRSHIP, WE ORGANIZED OUTREACHES IN AFRICA

9:00:46

OVER CYBERSECURITY, DIGITAL INCLUSION AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE AS WELL AS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AFRICAN

9:00:53

UNION. WE ARE DELIGHTED TO CONTINUE THIS WORK IN 2022.

9:00:59

AND NOW IT IS THE MOMENTUM TO ENGAGE WITH THE GLOBAL SELF AS

9:01:04

THE NUMBER OF INTERNET USERS ARE RAPIDLY INCREASING.

9:01:09

THE FREEDOM COALITION IS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ADVANCING THE REGIONAL DIALOGUE. THANK YOU.

9:01:14

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST, YOU ARE

9:01:20

COMING TO US FROM THE INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM BEING HELD IN POLAND. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FROM

9:01:27

JUMPING OUT OF YOUR BUSY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE TO JOIN US TODAY, OR I SHOULD SAY TONIGHT

9:01:33

IN YOUR TIME. I THINK THAT IT IS FAIR TO SAY THAT YOU'VE BEEN ADVOCATING FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNET

9:01:38

GOVERNANCE FOR A COUPLE OF DECADES NOW. AND THE IGF IS A SPACE WHERE

9:01:45

GOVERNMENTS, CIVIL SOCIETY, TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND COMPANIES COME TOGETHER TO DISCUSS CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS.

9:01:52

BUT ARE THERE ANY SIGNS OF PROGRESS? WHERE IS ALL THAT TALK GOING TO

9:01:57

LEAD US? >> THANKS, REBECCA, THANKS FOR INVITING ME. I WANT TO START BY SAYING THAT

9:02:02

THE INTERNET IS A FORCE FOR DEMOCRACY. IF IT WASN'T, GOVERNMENTS WOULDN'T SHUT IT DOWN DURING

9:02:14

ELECTIONS. SO LET'S CONFRONT THE CHALLENGES BUT IN A WAY THAT COMES WITH PERSPECTIVE AND THAT ALSO ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE POWER OF

9:02:20

THIS MEDIUM. AND I THINK THAT THERE IS A NEED

9:02:26

FOR FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES THAT CAN BE AGREED UPON ACROSS BORDERS BY DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE

9:02:33

NOT NECESSARILY ALWAYS LIKE-MINDED. BUT I THINK THAT THE TRICK IS TO NOT ASSUME THAT THE PROBLEMATIC

9:02:40

BEHAVIOR THAT WE ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS IS INHERENT TO THE

9:02:47

INT INTERNET, ABUSE BY CORPORATIONS ON THE INTERNET IS FIRST AND FOREMOST ABUSE BY CORPORATIONS.

9:02:54

AUTHORITARIAN ACTIONS BY GOVERNMENTS WHO SHUT DOWN JOURNALISTS AND SHUT DOWN THE INTERNET IS FIRST AND FOREMOST

9:03:01

AUTHORITARIAN BEHAVIOR BY GOVERNMENTS. SO ANY EFFORTS THAT WE UNDERTAKE

9:03:06

TO PROTECT THE INTERNET, TO RETAIN IT AS THIS PUBLIC SPHERE, AS THIS OPEN SPACE FOR

9:03:13

INNOVATION AND FOR PARTICIPATION AND THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD TAKE THAT

9:03:21

INTO ACCOUNT. LET'S NOT ENCROACH ON THAT IN OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT IT.

9:03:26

AND PROMOTE IT. AND YES, REBECCA, WE DO TALK ABOUT THESE ISSUES AT THE IGF.

9:03:33

I ACTUALLY WALKED OUT OF A MUSIC NIGHT TONIGHT BECAUSE IT IS QUITE LIGHT HERE TONIGHT, BUT I

9:03:38

THINK THAT THE VALUE OF THE IGF IS THAT IT IS LINKED TO THE UNITED NATIONS. SO IT DOES BRING DIFFERENT

9:03:44

GOVERNMENTS FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH, FROM THE GLOBAL NORTH TOGETHER TO TACKLE THESE ISSUES.

9:03:50

AND I REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO TAKING THIS CONVERSATION AND

9:03:56

WHICH TO SOME EXTENT HAS ALREADY STARTED IN SPACES LIKE THE GLOBAL COMMISSION ON INTERNET GOVERNANCE, THE PARIS ACCORD,

9:04:03

TALKS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, TECHNICAL COMMUNITY AND CIVIL SOCIETY ON

9:04:09

HOW TO COMBAT HARM AND HOW TO COMBAT ENCOURAGEMENT OF THIS

9:04:15

POWERFUL MEDIUM AS A FORCE FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU

9:04:20

ALL AT THE INTERNET GOVERNANCE FORUM AND TAKING THE CONVERSATION FORWARD.

9:04:26

IT IS I THINK A CONVERSATION THAT DOES HAVE TO BE HAD. BUT LET'S APPROACH IT WITH

9:04:33

CAUTION AND NOT OVERREACT. AND TARGET WHATEVER MEASURES WE

9:04:39

UNDERTAKE IN THE RIGHT WAY AND TOWARDS THE RIGHT ACTORS.

9:04:44

AND NOT UNNECESSARILY REGULATE THE INTERNET ITSELF AS A SPHERE

9:04:49

OR AS A SPACE. BACK TO YOU, REBECCA. >> THANK YOU.

9:04:55

AND WHAT YOU SAY IS SO IMPORTANT. THE INTERNET IS THE WAY IT IS BECAUSE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR, HUMAN

9:05:03

CHOICES, HUMAN -- WHETHER IT IS HUMANS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY OR FAILING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY,

9:05:11

ABUSING POWER OR BEING HELD ACCOUNTABLE. SO THIS EVENT IS BEING LIVE

9:05:16

STREAMED TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD. I'D LIKE TO INVITE EACH OF YOU

9:05:22

TO TAKE A MINUTE OR TWO TO RESPOND TO THE FOLLOWING

9:05:28

STRAIGHTFORWARD QUESTION. WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT YOU'D

9:05:33

LIKE PEOPLE WATCHING TODAY TO KNOW ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET AND THE CHOICES THAT WE, WHETHER WE'RE GOVERNMENT,

9:05:38

BUSINESS OR CIVIL SOCIETY, NEED TO BE MAKING?

9:05:48

PROFESSOR WU. >> I WOULD SAY ONE THING FROM THE GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE, THAT

9:05:55

IT WOULD BE THAT THERE IS A DUTY ON GOVERNMENTS TO ACT TO PROTECT

9:06:01

AND RESPECT FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES MAINLY FROM HUGE RIGHTS, BUT ALSO JUST THAT HAVE

9:06:07

ARISEN OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS THE FACT THAT

9:06:17

NATION STATES CAN HAVE A DELETERIOUS EFFECT. AND IF THERE IS ONE DUTY FOR US

9:06:22

AS GOVERNMENTS, IT IS TO RESPECT THE TRUTH OF THAT FACT AND UNITE

9:06:28

AND COME TOGETHER AND STATE PRINCIPLES FOR WHAT WE SHOULD DO AND WHAT WE SHOULD NOT BE DOING.

9:06:33

SO THAT IS WHAT I WOULD SAY IS THE ONE THING. JUST I ALSO WANTED TO MENTION

9:06:39

THAT WE'LL BE COMING TO THE IGF TOMORROW. JUST TO MENTION HOW IMPORTANT IT

9:06:46

REMAINS AS A FORUM FOR THESE KIND OF CONVERSATIONS.

9:06:57

>> AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE LOOKING TO OUR GOVERNMENTS TO SEE IF THEY ARE LIVING UP TO THE

9:07:03

PRINCIPLES THAT ARE BEING SET FORTH TODAY AND ALSO PREVIOUSLY BY THE FREEDOM ONLINE COALITION

9:07:08

WHICH IS ALSO A SET OF GOVERNMENTS MAKING COMMITMENTS.

9:07:13

SO I TURN TO MS. VASKUNLAHTI.

9:07:22

WHAT IS THE ONE THING THAT PEOPLE NEED TO UNDERSTAND ABOUT

9:07:28

HOW WE CAN TAKE THIS FORWARD? >> I WOULD SAY TWO THINGS.

9:07:35

FIRST I'D LIKE TO SECOND WHAT WAS SAID BY MR. WU, THE DUTY ON

9:07:40

GOVERNMENTS TO RESPECT FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS. SECOND THING I'D LIKE TO SAY IS

9:07:46

THAT THE OPEN INTERNET IS FUNDAMENTAL FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

9:07:51

IT INCREASES OPPORTUNITIES, INTERACT, TO LEARN, AND EXCHANGE

9:07:58

INFORMATION. IT CAN HELP STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY

9:08:04

AND HUMAN RIGHTS BOTH OFFLINE AND ONLINE.

9:08:11

I THINK THIS IS MY BASIC MESSAGE, THE OPENNESS AND THE DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO

9:08:18

RESPECT FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS ONLINE AND OFF LINE. >> TURNING TO IENRIETTE, I'LL AK

9:08:30

YOU A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT QUESTION BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A BIT OF TIME.

9:08:38

WHAT IF GOVERNMENTS DON'T LIVE UP TO THESE COMMITMENTS? THEY HAVE THESE DUTIES.

9:08:44

THEY ARE DECLARING THAT THEY HAVE THESE DUTIES.

9:08:54

MANY OF US IN CIVIL SOCIETY ARE CONCERNED THAT ALL THE GOVERNMENTS TO DIFFERENT DEGREES HAVE NOT ENTIRELY LIVED UP TO

9:09:00

THEIR COMMITMENTS. SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

9:09:08

>> AND WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE HAVE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS AND

9:09:16

RESOLUTIONS THAT REQUIRE THE GOVERNMENTS TO PROMOTE AND

9:09:21

PROTECT AND NOT THEMSELVES VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHTS. WHAT DO WE DO? I THINK THAT HAS TO BECOME PART

9:09:26

OF OUR BASIC INTERSECTION OF GOVERNMENTS ACROSS BORDERS IN SOLIDARITY WITH GOVERNMENTS

9:09:33

ELSEWHERE THAT BEHAVING IN AUTHORITARIAN WAYS, THAT ARE SHUTTING DOWN THE INTERNET BY

9:09:40

LOBBYING COMPANIES IS THAT

9:09:47

PRO THAT PROVIDE INTERNET SERVICES TO ALSO TAKE ACTION. AND I THINK THAT THE INTERNET IS

9:09:54

BRILLIANT INTERACTIVE MEDIA.

9:09:59

HE WITH USE TO CREATE CAT VIDEOS AND READ THE NEWS AND COMMUNICATE WITH OUR FAMILY.

9:10:05

AND I THINK THAT WE NEED TO GET INVOLVED WITH INTERNET GOVERNANCE AND POLICY. WE HAVE TO MONITOR WHAT

9:10:11

COMPANIES DO, WHAT THEY DON'T DO, WHAT GOVERNMENTS DO, WHAT

9:10:16

THEY DON'T DO, BUT ALSO ACROSS BORDERS AND GET INVOLVED IN THAT

9:10:23

VERY EXTRA MONITORING, CALLING OUT VIOLATIONS OF RIGHTS. AND TRYING TO TAKE ACTION.

9:10:33

AT C AS CITIZENS, CONSUMERS, ACTIVISTS. WHATEVER IT IS. AND THE INTERNET IS CHALLENGING

9:10:38

AND ONE OF THE WAYS IS THAT IT IS ACTUALLY REQUIRING US ALL TO GET INVOLVED IN IT GOVERNANCE,

9:10:46

IN ITS PRIVACY. >> PROFESSOR WU, UNDERSECRETARY

9:10:51

STATE VASKUNLAHTI, WOULD YOU LIKE TO RESPOND TO THAT? I KNOW THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS

9:10:56

BEEN SUED FOR ALLEGEDLY

9:11:01

VIOLATING RIGHTS IN DIFFERENT WAYS. AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS

9:11:10

THAT PEOPLE CAN DO. BUT HOW WOULD YOU LIKE US TO BE

9:11:16

KEEPING TABS ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENTS ARE LIVING UP TO YOUR PROMISES?

9:11:23

>> ARE YOU ASKING MR. WU OR ME?

9:11:30

>> UNDERSECRETARY, WHY DON'T YOU GO FIRST. >> THANK YOU. SO FIRST OF ALL, IN FINLAND, OUR

9:11:38

SUPREME COURT HAS RULED THAT EQUAL ACCESS TO HIGH SPEED INTERNET IS FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS.

9:11:47

SO THAT IS A VERY CLEAR RULING THAT WE HAVE TO ADHERE TO.

9:11:52

I'D VERY MUCH LIKE TO AGREE WHEN

9:11:59

SHE MENTIONED THIS SORT OF GETTING INVOLVED, ALL OF US.

9:12:05

AS I WROTE DOWN IN MY NOTES HERE, THAT I WOULD ENCOURAGE ALL

9:12:11

OF YOU WHO AARE SITTING THERE LISTENING TO US, REACH OUT TO YOUR LOCAL AND NATIONAL MEMBERS

9:12:17

OF PARLIAMENT OR REPRESENTATIVES, REACH OUT TO THE COMPANIES WHICH PROVIDE THE

9:12:24

SERVICES, AND URGE THEM TO TELL YOU HOW THEY PROMOTE OPEN ACCESS FOR THE INTERNET, HOW THEY

9:12:29

PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS ONLINE. SO WE ALL HAVE A DUTY, YOU KNOW,

9:12:37

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS TO ADVOCATE THESE ISSUES.

9:12:45

SO A STRONG PUSH FOR OPENNESS, STRONG PUSH FOR A GENTLE BUT

9:12:51

CONTINUING PRESSURE.

9:12:59

>> AND I THINK IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT WE'RE AT THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY HERE AND, YOU KNOW, OVER THE HISTORY OF

9:13:09

CIVIL CIVILIZATION, THE STRUGGLE TO MAINTAIN DEMOCRACY AS NOT BEEN A PASSIVE ONE AND SOMETIMES NOT BEEN AGAIN OIG.

9:13:20

THESE ARE VALUES AND PRINCIPLES THAT WE HAVE TO FIGHT FOR. WE'RE IN THE EARLY DAYS OF

9:13:25

CRAFTING THIS ALLIANCE, BUT I WILL SAY WITHOUT -- YOU KNOW, WE'RE IN THE EARLY STAGES.

9:13:31

BUT WE ARE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO THE BELIEF THAT WE NEED TO DO

9:13:39

MORE THAN ONLY STATE PRINCIPLES, THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ALONG THE LIKE MINDED COUNTRIES,

9:13:44

DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD, TO DEFEND THE VISION THAT WE HAVE FOR DEMOCRACY AND ALSO THE

9:13:51

INTERNET AND I THINK THAT, YOU KNOW, ANY CONVERSATION THAT WE

9:13:56

HAVE ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND THE FUTURE HAS TO REALIZE THAT THE INTERNET WILL BE AT THE CENTER OF IT AND THE DEFENSE OF THE

9:14:04

PRINCIPLES WEAVED IN HERE. SO AS I SAID, WE'RE AT THE EARLY STAGES. BUT I DO THINK THAT THE VISION

9:14:10

THAT WE'RE CRAFTING SEES THIS AS AN AMBITIOUS EFFORT TO DEFEND

9:14:16

THE PRINCIPLES THAT HAVE MADE THE INTERNET SUCCESSFUL AND HAVE MADE THE INTERNET ENABLER OF

9:14:24

DEMOCRACY AND TO TAKE AIM AT WHAT SOME OF WHAT HAS HAPPENED THE LAST 20 YEARS. >> AND I'LL THROW A FINAL

9:14:31

COMMENT BACK TO CIVIL SOCIETY. AND THEN WE'LL WRAP UP.

9:14:38

BUT DO YOU THINK GOVERNMENTS ARE

9:14:44

BEING HONEST? AT LEAST DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE MAKING HUMAN RIGHTS

9:14:49

COMMITMENTS, ARE THEY BEING HONEST WITH THEMSELVES AND ONE OTHER ABOUT THEIR SHORTCOMINGS,

9:14:55

AND SHOULD PERHAPS WE THINK OF -- MAYBE THIS ALLIANCE NEEDS

9:15:00

TO BE A BIT MORE LIKE A SUPPORT GROUP OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS WHERE EVERYBODY IS ADMITTING

9:15:08

THEIR FAILINGS AND KIND OF HELP EACH OTHER GET BETTER. IS THAT SOMETHING THAT WE MIGHT WANT TO HAVE A BIT MORE OF?

9:15:16

>> I THINK THAT WOULD BE SO USEFUL.

9:15:21

REBECCA, ARE THEY BEING HONEST I THINK IN ESSENCE THAT THEY ARE. BUT I THINK IN PRACTICE THEY

9:15:26

OFTEN DO FAIL TO CONFRONT THEIR OWN INCONSISTENCIES WHICH IS THE

9:15:32

BEST CASE SCENARIO AND HYPOCRISIES WHICH IS THE WORST CASE SCENARIO.

9:15:37

BECAUSE GOVERNMENTS ARE UNDER PRESSURE. DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS OPERATE IN DIFFERENT WAYS. BUT THEY DO OPERATE IN AN

9:15:44

ENVIRONMENT WHERE THERE IS POLITICAL PRESSURE. THEY HAVE SHORT LIFECYCLES. AND THEY HAVE TO RESPOND TO

9:15:50

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN WAYS THAT CAN MAKE THEIR BEHAVIOR INCONSISTENT.

9:15:56

AND I DO THINK THAT CREATING A TRUSTED FRAMEWORK WHERE GOVERNMENTS CAN SAY THAT WE DID THIS WRONG, HOW CAN WE DO IT

9:16:03

BETTER, IS MUCH MORE USEFUL THAN CONTEXT WHERE GOVERNMENTS COME AND SAY THIS IS HOW GOOD WE ARE,

9:16:10

THIS IS OUR FABULOUSLY WAY WE'RE DOING IT. BECAUSE IT IS NOT EASY.

9:16:15

AND I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED. BUT THE FACT THAT THERE IS THIS

9:16:20

ROLE I THINK IS IMPORTANT. I DON'T WANT TO UNDERVALUE IT. AND I THINK THAT IT CREATES AN OPENING FOR A MULTISTAKEHOLDER

9:16:27

ENGAGEMENT. YES, WE HAVE TO KEEP THESE ENGAGEMENTS HONEST. AND CREATE SPACE IN THEY THEM

9:16:33

FOR BEING NICE TO ONE ANOTHER BUT ALSO CHALLENGE ONCE ANOTHER.

9:16:38

OTHERWISE IF WE DON'T ENGAGE AND WORK THROUGH CONFLICT, WE'RE NOT ACTUALLY GOING TO PROGRESS.

9:16:43

>> WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THAT IS VERY TRUE THAT WHETHER OR NOT GOVERNMENTS ARE

9:16:49

LIVING UP TO EVERYTHING, THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE MADE THESE COMMITMENTS GIVES US ALL AN

9:16:54

OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD THEM TO THEM AND TO WORK WITH THEM TO MOVE

9:17:01

THE NEEDLE FORWARD. AND WHAT IS ALSO REALLY CLEAR IS THAT THERE AREN'T QUICK FIXES

9:17:06

FOR THE INTERNET. YOU CAN'T FIX THE INTERNET FOR DEMOCRACY LIKE YOU FIX THE

9:17:12

TELEVISION, RIGHT? FIXING THE INTERNET ISN'T

9:17:18

ANYMORE EASY THAN FIXING DEMOCRACY. THE RIGHT WAY TO PROTECT PEOPLE AND ALSO PROTECT THEIR FREEDOMS

9:17:26

IS ETERNALLY CONTENTIOUS. IT NEVER ENDS. BUT LIKE DEMOCRACY, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE AN INTERNET THAT

9:17:33

SUSTAINS THE KIND OF SOCIETY WE WANT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS UNLESS WE ALL MAKE AN EFFORT AS

9:17:39

EVERYONE HAS BEEN SAYING. WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO

9:17:45

MAKE OUR SOCIETY BETTER, TO MAKE OUR DEMOCRACY BETTER, AND TO MAKE THE INTERNET BETTER.

9:17:52

WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY. AND WITH THAT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF YOU FOR AN EXCELLENT CONVERSATION. THANK YOU.

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9:24:07

>>> HELLO, EVERYONE AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US ABOUT THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT AND ON BEHALF

9:24:12

OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. AND MY THANKS FOR CO-HOSTING AND

9:24:20

MODERATING. FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE SHARING THEIR STORY TODAY.

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COM TATSIANA KHOMICH, HER SISTER SPENT THE LAST 15 MONTHS IN

9:24:35

PRISON. AND ASAT, HELD IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN CHINA SINCE 2019.

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AND VICTORIA CAR DENAS, WIFE OF

9:24:49

CANDIDATE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION UNTIL HE WAS ARRESTED IN JUNE. AND AN ECONOMIST
AND PEACE

9:24:56

ACTIVIST IN PRISON FROM 2018 TO 2020 BY THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH SUDAN. THESE ARE
DIFFICULT EXPERIENCES

9:25:03

TO SHARE WHETHER FOR FORMER PRISONERS OR THOSE WHOSE LOVED ONES ARE BEING UNJUSTLY

9:25:09

DETAINED. I'M THANKFUL FOR EACH OF YOU FOR BEING WILLING TO SPEAK AND WORKING FOR THE
FREEDOM OF

9:25:15

OTHERS. THERE ARE CURRENTLY MORE THAN A MILLION POLITICAL PRISONERS AROUND THE WORLD.
EVERY ONE OF THEM HAS FAMILY

9:25:22

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS LIKE THESE INDIVIDUALS. AND MORE ARE BEING UNJUSTLY DETAINED OR
CONVICTED IN SHAM

9:25:28

TRIALS WITH EACH PASSING DAY. AS WE SAW EARLIER THIS WEEK.

9:25:33

THESE PEOPLE ARE HELD WITHOUT JUST CAUSE, OFTEN BECAUSE THEY PEACEFULLY EXERCISE THEIR
HUMAN

9:25:39

RIGHTS. LIKE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION OR DEFENDING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS. THEY MAY HAVE
ORGANIZED AN

9:25:45

OPPOSITION PARTY, REPORTED ABUSE AND CORRUPTION. TAKEN PART IN A PEACEFUL PROTEST.

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OTHER TIMES, THEY ARE TARGETED SIMPLY BECAUSE WHO THEY ARE BASED ON THEIR RACE OR RELIGION,

9:25:56

THE LANGUAGE THEY SPEAK, WHO THEY LOVE, THEIR ETHNIC IDENTITY. MINORITY GROUPS ARE OFTEN

9:26:06

DISPROPORTIONATELY REPRESENTED AND THEIR IMPRISONMENT IS DESIGNED A TO ENABLE BY GROUPS O

9:26:16

SAY THAT IT IS SUB VERSION OF STATE POWER. COURTS LACK INDEPENDENCE IN TRIALS THAT ARE CLOSED OFF TO

9:26:22

OUTSIDE OBSERVERS. NO MATTER WHAT THE PROCESS, THEIR IMPRISONMENT IS

9:26:30

DEVASTATING AND DUE HUEHUMANIZIR THE PRISONERS, THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES. PRISONERS ARE OFTEN SUBJECTED TO

9:26:36

TORTURE AND KEPT IN INHUMANE CONDITIONS AND DENIED MEDICAL TREATMENT. MARIA DESCRIBED HER EXPERIENCE

9:26:43

SO FAR AS MOVING BETWEEN, AND I QUOTE, HOT AND COLD CELLS, WITHOUT AIR OR LIGHT, WITHOUT

9:26:51

PEOPLE. IT IS HARROWING FOR PRISONERS' FRIENDS AND FAMILIES TOO. THEY ARE OFTEN DENIED INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR LOVED

9:26:57

ONES OR FORBIDDEN FROM VISITING WHICH IS ITS OWN FORM OF PUNISHMENT. SOME FAMILY MEMBERS AND

9:27:04

COLLEAGUES ARE PUNISHED BY ASSOCIATION. IN SOME CASES OF TRANSNATIONAL REPRESSION, SOME GOVERNMENTS ARE

9:27:09

IMPRISONS FAMILY MEMBERS AND COLLEAGUES BACK HOME TO TARGET DISSIDENTS WHO HAVE MOVED

9:27:15

ABROAD. FOR MANY PRISONERS, THEIR DETENTION IS DESIGNED TO STOP CRITICALLY IMPORTANT WORK THAT

9:27:21

THEY WERE DOING TO SERVE SOCIETIES. SUCH AS POLITICAL UNION ORGANIZING, REPORTING, OR

9:27:26

ADVOCACY. AND IT SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THEIR COLLEAGUES THAT THE SAME THING COULD HAPPEN TO THEM.

9:27:32

WHEN COUNTRIES HOLD POLITICAL PRISONERS, THEY CREATE CLIMATES OF FEAR AND SELF CENSORSHIP, SHE

9:27:38

STYLE POLITICAL PARTICIPATION. OFTEN THESE ABUSES OCCUR ALONGSIDE OTHER FORMS OF

9:27:43

REPRESSION LIKE CRACKDOWNS ON THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA AND HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS. AND THIS IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE.

9:27:49

PEOPLE ARE HELD AS POLITICAL PRISONERS ALL AROUND THE WORLD. IN FACT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S

9:27:55

LATEST HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT CONTAINS EVIDENCE OF MORE THAN 65 COUNTRIES HOLDING POLITICAL

9:28:01

PRISONERS. SO MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE THEIR COUNTRY'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST HOPE FOR A FUTURE

9:28:06

MARKED BY DEMOCRACY AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THROUGH IMPRISONS POLITICAL

9:28:11

PRISONERS, AUTOCRATS ARE SQUASHING DEMOCRATIC HOPES AND AMBITIONS. THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT THAT

9:28:16

ALL COUNTRIES STAND FIRMLY AGAINST THE DETENTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE HELD.

9:28:22

AND WORK TOGETHER TO FREE THEM. LET ME SHARE A FEW WAYS THAT WE DO THIS AND URGE OTHER COUNTRIES

9:28:27

TO JOIN US. WE CALL FOR THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

9:28:33

WE MEET WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES. WE MONITOR TRIALS. WE PUBLISH REPORTS TO SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT INDIVIDUALS

9:28:38

AND THEIR CASES. IN PUBLIC AND IN PRIVATE, WE URGE ALL COUNTRIES REGARDLESS OF

9:28:43

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS. AND WE WORK TO BUILD EFFECTIVE

9:28:49

PRESSURE THROUGH MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL AND ORGANIZATION

9:28:55

FOR SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EU EUROPE. AND WE WORK CLOSELY WITH

9:29:01

PARTNERS, LEADING ADVOCATES FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS AND DEMOCRACY. OUR COUNTRIES COLLABORATE TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE WHO

9:29:06

DETAIN POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING THE COORDINATED SANCTIONS AGAINST LUKASHENKO

9:29:12

REGIME THAT THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN UNION ANNOUNCED LAST WEEK. AND WE ALSO PARTNER WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, LAWYERS

9:29:18

FOR DETAINEES AND OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS TO BRING THESE CASES TO LIGHT, INCLUDING

9:29:23

THROUGH OUR ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT. BUT A BIG PART OF WHY WE'RE HOLDING THIS SESSION IS THAT WE

9:29:29

KNOW WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. WE HAVE TO FIND NEW WAYS TO MOBILIZE BIGGER COALITIONS,

9:29:35

EXERT MORE EFFECTIVE PRESSURE BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT SUSTAINED PRESSURE CAN WORK.

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NATASHA WAS FALSELY ACCUSED OF SPYING AND DETAINED FOR NINE YEARS. WHILE IN PRISON, HIS WIFE WHO

9:29:49

WAS SHY BY NATURE TRAVELED THE GLOBE CAMPAIGNING FOR HIS RELEASE. SHE HELD RALLIES,S WROTE OP-EDS,

9:29:58

MET WITH ANYONE WHO WOULD HELP. THAT INCLUDED THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WHICH PUSHED FOR HIS

9:30:04

RELEASE. HE WAS EVENTUALLY FREED IN 1986. EARLY THIS YEAR, I MET WITH HIM

9:30:11

AND HE RELAYED WHAT HE CALLED HIS CONFRONTATION WITH EVIL. BUT ALSO HIS PERPETUAL GRATITUDE

9:30:17

FOR HIS FREEDOM AND TO THOSE WHO FOUGHT FOR IT. HIS VERY PRESENCE AND THAT OF PEOPLE LIKE PETER WHO HAVE ALSO

9:30:22

BEEN RELEASED IS A TESTAMENT TO WHY WE MUST NOT GIVE UP. AND ALSO A TESTAMENT TO ALL THAT

9:30:29

THESE INDIVIDUALS CAN CONTRIBUTE WHEN THEIR UNJUST IMPRISONMENT IS OVER. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR

9:30:34

THEIR WORK HELPING POLITICAL PRISONERS AROUND THE WORLD. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR COLLABORATION AND SEEING THE

9:30:40

PROGRESS THAT WE WILL MAKE TOGETHER. THANKS FOR LISTENING.

9:30:51

>> THANK YOU. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, FRIENDS, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE UNITED STATES FOR GATHERING US ALL HERE

9:30:57

TODAY. AS CO-HOST, I'M TRULY GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE'S TIME AND PERSONAL INPUT INTO THIS VERY TIMELY

9:31:03

DISCUSSION. THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AROUND THE WORLD

9:31:10

CONTINUES TO YGROW. REGIMES INCREASINGLY RESORT TO CRACKDOWN TO SILENCE ACTIVE

9:31:16

MEMBERS OF SEVERAL SOCIETY, TO SHRINK DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

9:31:21

DEMOCRACY SUFFERS AND DIES IN DARKNESS. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO ALLOW THE SACRIFICE OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS

9:31:27

AND POLITICAL PRISONERS TO GO UNNOTICED. IT IS THEREFORE CRITICAL THAT WE EXPRESS OUR SOLIDARITY WITH ALL

9:31:33

THOSE BEING TORTURED OR PUT BEHIND BARS FOR THEIR COURAGE TO STAND UP AGAINST

9:31:40

AUTHORITARIANISM AND WE AFFIRM OUR WHOLE HEARTED SUPPORT FOR THEIR CAUSE. OUR SUPPORT IS EVEN MORE

9:31:45

CRITICAL AS WORRYING NEWS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSE AND PERSECUTIONS OF PRO DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS ARE COMING FROM

9:31:52

VARIOUS PARTS OF THE GLOBE.

9:31:59

COUNTRIES WHERE FREE THOUGHT AND DESIRE TO LIVE IN FREEDOM ARE MET WITH BRUTAL REPRESSIONS.

9:32:04

IN MYANMAR ACCORDING TO ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS, OVER 7,000

9:32:09

POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE BEING HELD IN DETENTION. RUSSIA'S LEADING HUMAN RIGHTS

9:32:14

GROUP MEMORIAL, WHICH IS UNDER THREAT ITSELF, POINTS OUT THAT

9:32:20

THE NUMBER OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE COUNTRY HAS RISEN SHARPLY THAT YEAR. AND IT REACHES AT LEAST 426

9:32:28

POLITICAL PRISONERS INCLUDING NAVALI IMPRISONED UNDER FALSE

9:32:35

CHARGES. IN CHINA, STANDING UP FOR UIGHUR

9:32:40

OR TAKE TIBETAN RIGHTS WILL GET

9:32:46

IN PRISON OR TORTURED. THOUSANDS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED. FOR THE PAST YEAR, WE HAVE BEEN

9:32:52

WITNESSING THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN DEMOCRACY AND AUTHORITARIAN RULE JUST ACROSS THE BORDER IN

9:32:58

BELARUS. ACCORDING TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, THERE ARE 907

9:33:03

POLITICAL PRISONERS AS OF NOW AND THE NUMBER KEEPS GROWING ON A DAILY BASIS.

9:33:14

MEMBERS OF SEVERAL SOCIETY FACE HEAVY REPRESSIONS.

9:33:19

I WANT TO SPECIFICALLY HIGHLIGHT THE COURAGEOUS WAY OF THE WOMEN AND GIRLS WHO HAVE PEACEFULLY

9:33:25

STOOD UP FOR THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS.

9:33:30

WE ARE ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING THE CIVIL SOCIETY DRAWING ON OUR EXPERIENCE, I WOULD LIKE TO NAME SEVERAL STEPS WHICH I BELIEVE

9:33:36

THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW IN ADDRESSING THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENDERS MORE GENERALLY.

9:33:44

FIRSTLY, SHOWING POLITICAL PRISONERS THAT THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN MATTERS A LOT.

9:33:49

BE IT SMALL ACTIONS OF SOLIDARITY, A BROAD SUPPORT INITIATIVES, EVERY MESSAGE AND EVERY SUPPORT LETTER COUNTS.

9:33:55

ONE OF THE LATEST INITIATIVES LAU LAUNCHED WAS INVITING PEOPLE TO

9:34:01

WRITE A LETTER TO POLITICAL PRISONERS AND YOU CAN STILL JOIN

9:34:06

THIS EVENT. SECONDLY, MAKING SURE THAT REGIMES FEEL THE PRESSURE TO

9:34:12

RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS. WAYS TO DO CAN RANGE FROM PUBLIC STATEMENTS TO DIPLOMATIC

9:34:17

MARCHES, FROM RAISING THE ISSUE CONSTANTLY INTERNATIONALLY TO EVEN STRONGER ACTIONS INCLUDING

9:34:25

THE DEMANDS TO RELEASE PRISONERS OR FACE SANCTIONS.

9:34:31

HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS, MEDIA WORKERS AND

9:34:36

ONCE AGAIN CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR FULL REHABILITATION. THIRDLY, PLACING THE ISSUE OF

9:34:43

ACCOUNTABILITY AT THE CORE OF ALL OUR ACTIONS AND INITIATIVES AIMED AT PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS

9:34:51

DEFENDERS. AUTHORITARIANS OF THIS WORLD MUST KNOW THAT THEIR VIEWS OF

9:34:56

POWER, THEIR VIOLATIONS WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED. IT MAY TAKE TIME AS JUSTICE MAY

9:35:02

BE SLOW, BUT IT WILL STRIKE EVENTUALLY AND WE MUST DO OUR VERY BEST, MAKE SURE THAT JUSTICE IS DONE SOONER RATHER

9:35:09

THAN LATER. INTERNATIONAL MECHANISMS OF ACCOUNTABILITY, NATIONAL JUSTICE

9:35:16

SYSTEMS WE HAVE VARIOUS GOOD EXA PLS TO FOLLOW AND WE MUST MAKE

9:35:21

SURE THAT WE DO. FOURTHLY, LET US TELL THEIR STORIES. THOSE WHO SPEAK UP FOR FREEDOM,

9:35:28

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, THOSE IDEAS WILL CATCH ON AND GIVE RISE TO NEW WAVE OF FREEDOM

9:35:35

FIGHTERS LEADING TO THE DOWN FALL OF THEIR REGIMES. AND SO THEY TRY TO CRUSH THE VOICES OF FREEDOM TO MAKE THEM

9:35:41

DISAPPEAR BEHIND PRISON WALLS. SILENCED AND FORGOTTEN. SO LET US RESTORE THE VOICES OF

9:35:47

POLITICAL PRISONERS BY TELLING AND MP A AMPLIFYING THEIR STORI WHEN THEY THEMSELVES CANNOT

9:35:54

SPEAK UP. FOR EXAMPLE WE CARRIED OUT A CAMPAIGN WILL LITHUANIANS TOLD

9:36:01

THEIR STORIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA. TO SUM UP, FOR GETTING IS NOT AN

9:36:06

OPTION. INACTION IS NOT AN OPTION. IMPUNITY IS NOT AN OPTION.

9:36:11

THE ONLY OPTION THAT WE HAVE TO PREVENT DEMOCRACY FROM SHRINKING FURTHER IN THE WORLD IS SOCIETY

9:36:17

WITH THOSE WHO SUFFER AT THE HANDS OF OPPRESSORS. WHEREVER THEY MAY BE ACROSS THE GLOBE IN A DEDICATED AND

9:36:23

PASSIONATE WAY TO CARRY THE TORTURE OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM FOR THEM UNTIL THEY WILL BE FREE AGAIN TO REJOIN THE FIGHT.

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I THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU.

9:36:37

THANK YOU FOREIGN MINISTER LANDSBERGIS AND MR. SECRETARY. DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS AND

9:36:42

OUR VIEWING AUDIENCE, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS UZRA ZEYA AND I'M

9:36:50

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WELCOME TO OUR EVENT VOICES OF

9:36:55

POLITICAL PRISONERS. I'M DELIGHTED OUR LITHUANIAN FRIENDS ARE CO-HOSTING THIS

9:37:01

EVENT. THE WORLD COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM LITHUANIA WHICH 30

9:37:06

YEARS AGO WITHSTOOD A FAILED SOVIET ATTEMPT TO CRUSH THE DEMOCRATIC ASPIRATIONS OF THE

9:37:13

LITHUANIAN PEOPLE. LITHUANIA DEMONSTRATES WHAT IS POSSIBLE IN ADVANCING DEMOCRATIC

9:37:19

VALUES. ONE OF THOSE VALUES IS WHAT BRINGS US TOGETHER TODAY. THE BELIEF THAT PEOPLE SHOULD

9:37:24

NOT BE SILENCED OR LOCKED AWAY JUST BECAUSE THEY CRITICIZE THEIR GOVERNMENT, CALL FOR

9:37:32

PEACEFUL CHANGE OR BELONG TO A CERTAIN POLITICAL MOVEMENT OR ETHNIC OR RELIGIOUS GROUP.

9:37:38

WHILE AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES KEEP CRITICS, DISSIDENTS AND OTHERS SILENCED AND HIDDEN IN THE

9:37:45

DARKNESS, CONSIDER OUR EVENT TODAY, AN OPEN, PUBLIC, TRANSPARENT DISCUSSION.

9:37:51

AND THAT CONTRAST SPEAKS VOLUMES ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE

9:37:56

WORLD TODAY. PLEASE ALLOW ME TO PUT THIS POLITICAL PRISONER SIDE EVENT INTO CONTEXT AS PART OF THE

9:38:02

BROADER SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES ARE NOT ONLY REPRESSING THEIR OWN

9:38:08

PEOPLE, INCLUDING BY INCARCERATING CITIZENS FOR THE PEACEFUL EXERCISE OF THEIR HUMAN

9:38:14

RIGHTS, THEY ARE ALSO INCREASINGLY REACHING OUT BEYOND THEIR BORDERS TO TARGET THOSE

9:38:19

WHO CHALLENGE THEM THROUGH THE DISTURBING PRACTICE OF TRANS

9:38:25

NATIONAL REPRESSION. THEY ARE ALSO EXPORTING

9:38:33

AUTHORITARIANISM BY MEDALIDLALI THE POLITICAL SYSTEMS.

9:38:38

THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AMONG OTHERS IS PROVIDING INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY TO OTHER

9:38:44

AUTHORITARIAN AND TO SOME DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS. AND THESE TOOLS ARE BEING USED

9:38:50

TO TARGET AND IN MANY CASES UNJUSTLY IMPRISON CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVISTS, JOURNALISTS AND

9:38:58

OTHERS. IN OTHER WORDS, THE MECHANISMS THAT HELP THE LARGE -- THAT HELP FACILITATE THE LARGE-SCALE

9:39:05

DETENTIONS OF UIGHURS AND MEMBERS OF OTHER ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS IN THE PRC ARE BEING

9:39:10

DISSEMINATED AROUND THE WORLD AND AS A RESULT, MORE PEOPLE ARE

9:39:16

BEING UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED. MANY OTHER COUNTRIES ARE SIMILARLY IMPRISONING THEIR OWN

9:39:22

PEOPLE. THIS IS NOT ONLY A FRONTAL ASSAULT ON FREEDOM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES, IT IS

9:39:29

A HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE. AND NO ONE KNOWS THE ANGUISH

9:39:36

BETTER THAN FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE SEEN THEIR LOVED ONES TAKEN AWAY. TODAY WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO

9:39:43

HEAR FROM SOME OF THOSE FAMILY MEMBERS. WE WILL HEAR ABOUT CASES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BELARUS,

9:39:51

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, NICARAGUA AND SOUTH SUDAN.

9:39:56

IT IS MY GREAT HONOR TO INTRODUCE OUR FIRST SPEAKER,

9:40:02

TATSIANA KHOMICH, WHOSE SISTER MARIA KALESNIKAYA IS UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED IN BELARUS.

9:40:10

MS. KALESNIKAYA, A FORMER MUSICIAN AND 2021 INTERNATIONAL WOMEN OF COURAGE HONOREE, IS

9:40:17

CURRENTLY HELD IN SOLITARY

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CONFINEMENT. MS. COMKHOMICH, WELCOME.

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>> IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO SPEAK TODAY HERE ON BEHALF OF MY

9:40:38

SISTER, I WILL SPEAK ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF MY SISTER TODAY. MOST LIKELY YOU ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE STORY OF KURNLG YUS

9:40:45

WOMAN, MY SISTER MARIA KALESNIKAYA, WHO WAS TAKEN FROM THE STREETS IN BELARUS BY MASKED

9:40:51

MEN ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2020. REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF

9:40:57

INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND KGB DELIVERED AN ULTIMATUM TO LEAVE

9:41:03

THE COUNTRY AND SHE CAN DO WHATEVER SHE WANTS OR THEY WILL FORCE HER OUT ALIVE OR IN PART,

9:41:08

THEY WILL BREAK HER FINGERS AND LOCK HER UP FOR 25 YEARS IN

9:41:14

PRISON. NEXT DAY, THE SECURITY FORCES TRIED TO FORCIBLY REMOVE MARIA

9:41:19

FROM BELARUS. DESPITE ALL THIS, SHE TORE HER

9:41:26

PASSPORT INTO PIECES AND WALKED BACK TOWARDS THE BELARUS BORDER. SINCE THEN, MARIA HAS BEEN UNDER

9:41:32

ARREST. A YEAR LATER, ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2021, MARIA WAS FOUND GUILTY

9:41:38

UNDER THREE ARTICLES OF THE CRIMINAL CODE, INCITING

9:41:47

CONSPIRACY, CREATION OF AN EXTREMIST GROUP. SHE WAS SENTENCED TO 11 YEARS. HOW DID IT HAPPEN?

9:41:52

MARIA WAS A MUSICIAN AND CULTURAL MANAGER THROUGH HER CULTURAL WORK, SHE MET HEAD OF A

9:42:01

BANK SUPPORTED ART PROJECT. THINGS CAME OUT DIFFERENTLY.

9:42:08

BUT MARIA DECIDED TO CHANGE THE PARTY AND OFFERED HER SUPPORT

9:42:13

AND CAMPAIGNED WITHOUT HESITATION. BUT OF COURSE SHE DIDN'T THINK THAT SHE WOULD FIND HERSELF IN THAT ROLE.

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AND LUKASHENKO HAD HER ARRESTED

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LATER. [INAUDIBLE]. HOWEVER, AFTER THE YOOU TOOK

9:42:37

OVER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MOVEMENT AND CHANGING HER LIFE IN THIS WAY, MARIA CHANGED THE LIFE OF MILLIONS OF BELARUSIANS.

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SHE MOTIVATED HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN BELARUS, UNWAVERING OPTIMISM TO STAND UP

9:42:51

FOR FREE ELECTIONS, FOR DEMOCRACY.

9:42:56

MARIA HAS BEEN IN PRISON FOR 15 MONTHS, EIGHT OF THEM IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT.

9:43:02

THE FIRST MEETING WAS ALLOWED A YEAR AFTER THE IMPRISONMENT.

9:43:07

ALL THIS TIME, ALL THE LAWYERS AND PRISON OFFICIALS SEE HER. THE MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE

9:43:14

MEETING ROOM FOR SPECIAL CRIMINALS DIVIDED BY A PARTITION

9:43:20

WITH A SMALL TRANSPARENT WINDOW. DID SHE KNOW THAT SHE WOULD BE ARRESTED? YES. SHE UNDERSTOOD THAT IF SHE DID

9:43:26

NOT LEAVE THE COUNTRY, SHE WOULD BE ARRESTED BUT SHE COULD NOT

9:43:31

ACT IN A DIFFERENT WAY. DID MARIA WANT IT? OF COURSE NOT. NO ONE WANTS TO BE ARRESTED AND

9:43:37

BE IN PRISON FOR MANY YEARS IN A BELARUSIAN PRISON. I WILL NEVER FORGET THE DAY

9:43:43

MARIA WAS KIDNAPPED. FOR 24 HOURS, FAMILY DIDN'T KNOW

9:43:48

WHERE SHE WAS, WHETHER SHE WAS ALIVE. THEN WHEN IT BECAME KNOWN THAT MARIA WAS ARRESTED, IT WAS TOTAL

9:43:55

CONSTERNATION, CONFUSION, FEAR. WHAT TO DO NEXT. LATER WHEN MARIA WAS ALREADY IN

9:44:03

TRIAL DETENTION CENTER, WE HAD A FEELING OF UNCERTAINTY AND FEAR.

9:44:10

IT COMES AGAIN. FOR EXAMPLE WHEN FOR SEVERAL WEEKS LETTERS ARE NOT SENT, NOR

9:44:17

CANNOT VISIT HER. AND FOR SEVERAL WEEKS YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH YOUR LOVED ONE.

9:44:24

YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOU CANNOT STOP, THAT YOU CANNOT GIVE UP, BUT NOW MARIA AND THOUSANDS OF

9:44:30

PEOPLE ARE EXPERIENCING TORTURE EVERY DAY BECAUSE BEING IN THOSE DETENTION CENTERS AND PRISONS IS

9:44:36

ALREADY TORTURE. BUT YOU WILL DO EVERYTHING THAT YOU CAN TO MAKE THAT DETENTION A

9:44:41

LITTLE EASIER. JUST TO MENTION, NOW THOUSANDS OF RELATIVES OF POLITICAL

9:44:48

PRISONERS THAT LIVE IN THE SAME CONDITION EVERY DAY OF THEIR

9:44:53

LIVES, BECAUSE TODAY THERE ARE 906 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BELARUS.

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OF COURSE I MISS MARIA VERY MUCH. WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN CLOSE

9:45:04

FRIENDS. MARIA ALWAYS KNOWS HOW TO CHEER YOU UP IN ANY SITUATION NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. SHE FINDS POSITIVE SIDES AND SHE

9:45:10

SEES GOOD IN PEOPLE AND ALSO SEES STRENGTH. MARIA IS THE KINDEST PERSON I

9:45:16

KNOW. MARIA HAS ALWAYS BEEN NOT ONLY MY SISTER AND NOW SHE BECOME A SISTER OF MILLIONS OF

9:45:24

BELARUSIANS. AND MARIA SMILES WHEN SHE SEES THE LIGHT IN THE SMALL WINDOW OF HER CELL. WE HAVE NOT HEARD A SINGLE WORD

9:45:31

AND HAVE NEVER FELT HER FEAR IN OVER 15 MONTHS THAT SHE HAS BEEN

9:45:38

IN PRISON. EIGHT OF THEM IN SOLITUDE. IF MARIA RETAINS SUCH, FORTITUDE

9:45:44

JUST SEEING HOW MUCH THAT SHE CAN GIVE TO THE WORLD WHEN SHE IS FREE. WE NEED MARIA HERE AS WELL AS

9:45:52

THOUSANDS OF OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS. WHAT IS NEXT FOR MARIA, IF THE SITUATION DOESN'T CHANGE, IN THE COMING WEEKS AFTER THE SENTENCE,

9:45:59

IT IS GROWING LEGAL COURSE. SHE WILL BE SENT TO CORRECTIONAL CAMP. CORRECTIONAL CAMP IS A PLACE

9:46:05

WHERE PRISONERS HAVE TO WORK SIX DAYS A WEEK, THEY HAVE ALMOST NO FREE TIME BECAUSE THEY TRY TO

9:46:13

MAKE THEM CONSTANTLY DOING SOMETHING AND TAKE ALL THE TIME. MEETING WITH RELATIVES IS

9:46:18

POSSIBLE ONLY A FEW TIMES A YEAR. POLITICAL PRISONERS FACE SPECIAL CONDITIONS TO MARK THIS -

9:46:29

POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE IN THE CLOSE SCRUTINY FOR THE SLIGHTEST VIOLATION OF THE REGIMES THERE,

9:46:38

THEY STOP MEETINGS WITH RELATIVES AND MAY BE PLACED IN BANISHMENT CELL.

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I KNOW THAT SHE WILL BE RELEASED, I KNOW HE THAT SHE WILL BE FREE. I'M SURE THAT HOW IT IS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW IN PRISONS

9:46:49

WILL BE FREE. AND THIS CONFIDENCE GIVES ME THE STRENGTH TO MOVE ON. FOR MYSELF, I DECIDED THAT I

9:46:56

WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FREE MARIA. AND I DREAM OF SEEING MY SISTER

9:47:02

AND HUGGING HER TIGHTLY. AND SHE WILL SMILE THE WAY THAT

9:47:09

SHE CAN. LET ME STOP THERE. >> THANK YOU FOR SHARING MARIA'S

9:47:15

STORY, A STORY OF GRAVE INJUSTICE AND GREAT COURAGE.

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NEXT WE HEAR FROM RAYHAN ASAT

9:47:27

WHOSE BROTHER EKPAR ASAT IS A WEEKER UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED IN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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AND FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADER

9:47:38

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT. HE IS A TECH ENTREPRENEUR WHO WAS SERVING A 15 YEAR SENTENCE.

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MS. AS AT, WELCOME. >> THANK YOU. YOUR EXCELLENCY, FRIENDS AND

9:47:50

CONCERNED GLOBAL CITIZENS. I REALLY HOPE THAT YOU TRULY ARE MOVED BY MARIA'S STORY AS I DID.

9:47:56

AND OUTRAGED BY THE UNJUST ATTENTION. THIS IS A TIME OF YEAR FOR

9:48:02

EXCITEMENT AND MAGIC. IT IS ALSO A TIME FOR COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY.

9:48:07

I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO EXTEND THE COMPASSION TO THOSE

9:48:13

INNOCENT PEOPLE LOCKED UP IN DARK CORNERS OF THE WORLD WHERE TIME PASSES WITHOUT CELEBRATION,

9:48:21

HOLIDAY GIFTS OR FAMILY GATHERINGS. ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE IS MY

9:48:27

BROTHER, EKPAR. A MODEL CITIZEN, A WEEKER TECH

9:48:34

PARTICULAR, PHILANTHROPIST, SOCIAL MEDIA FOUNDER AND

9:48:42

LEADERSHIP PROGRAM. AND THIS PROGRAMS, OTHER ALUMNI, INCLUDE DIGNITARIES LIKE THE

9:48:51

U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL GUTTIEREZ AND NEW ZEALAND'S PRIME

9:48:57

MINISTER. HE WAS DESCRIBED AS A BRIGHT STAR IN THE TECH WORLD, A FORCE

9:49:05

FOR HUMANITY. BUT THAT WAS ALL BEFORE 2016 WHEN CHINA BEGAN CRIMINALIZEING

9:49:20

THEWEAKER UIGHUR RACE. AS IF IT IS NOT ENOUGH, HE HAS

9:49:26

BEEN IN SOLITARY CONFINEMENT SINCE JOHNNANUARY 2019 FAR FROM

9:49:32

HOME.

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THE WORLD HE LEFT LEFT BEHIND WAS DEPRIVED OF HIS TALENT,

9:49:43

WISDOM AND KINDNESS. THE PEOPLE HE LEFT BEHIND WERE CHANGED FOREVER.

9:49:48

I'VE WATCHED MY PARENTS AGE QUICKLY, BEARING THE SCARS OF

9:49:55

LOSS, PAIN, AND INJUSTICE. MY LIFE CHANGED COURSE

9:50:03

COMPLETELY. BECAUSE OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE, I COULDN'T RETURN TO MY HOMELAND AND ONLY
NARROWLY ESCAPED THE

9:50:09

CONCENTRATION MP CAMS MYSELF. IN THAT TIME, I HAVE GRADUATED

9:50:16

FROM HARVARD LAW TO BECOME A LAWYER. TODAY I'M A YALE UNIVERSITY

9:50:21

WORLD FELLOW. I USE MY PLATFORM TO TELL AND

9:50:28

RETELL EKPAR'S STORY. I VISIT AND REVISIT THE TRAUMA

9:50:34

OVER AND OVER AGAIN SO THAT SOMEONE MIGHT CARE.

9:50:40

EVERYONE LISTENS. BUT MOST PEOPLE MOVE ON TO OTHER

9:50:45

CONCERNS CLOSER TO THEM. I CAN'T MOVE ON. I CARRY EKPAR'S ABSENCE WITH ME.

9:50:56

I LIVE WITH MY ADVOCACY, ACTION OR INACTION.

9:51:02

IT TAKES ALL THE COURAGE I HAVE

9:51:08

TO KEEP GOING. THE GREAT AMERICAN LAWYER WISELY SAID THAT THE RIGHT TO BE LEFT

9:51:13

ALONE IS THE RIGHT MOST VALUED BY CIVILIZED MEN. MY BROTHER AND PEOPLE HAVE BEEN

9:51:21

DEPRIVED OF THAT MOST BASIC RIGHT. THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT DECLARED

9:51:28

A WAR AGAINST A RACE. EKPAP DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BE BORN

9:51:34

INTO. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR UIGHUR CULTURE, HERITAGE, TRADITION,

9:51:41

LANGUAGE, AND ALL THE BLESSINGS THAT COME WITH IT.

9:51:49

BEING BORN A UIGHUR IS NO CRIME. DETAINING AND IMPRISONING I INGE

9:51:57

SOLELY FOR WHO THEY ARE IS NO WAY TO DEMONSTRATE THE STRENGTHS OF A NATION. THE
DESTRUCTION OF AN ENTIRE

9:52:04

PEOPLE OR GROUP DESECRATES OUR COLLECTIVE HUMANITY.

9:52:10

FROM UIGHURS TO SYRIANS, TO

9:52:18

THE TIGRIS, WE ALL CAN BE NEXT VICTIMS. SO WHAT KIND OF WORLD DO WE

9:52:23

ASPIRE TO AND WORK TOWARDS TO CREATE? IS IT A WORLD WHERE LEADERS

9:52:30

PRIORITIZE NATIONAL INTERESTS AND CHOOSE SILENCE IN THE FACE OF INJUSTICE?

9:52:36

DO WE LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE INEQUALITY TRUMPS OVER EQUALITY,

9:52:44

EXCLUSION OVER UNITY, BIGOTRY OVER EMPATHY?

9:52:49

WILL WE TURN OUR BACKS ON THE WORLD WE PLEDGE TO CHOOSE AFTER

9:52:55

THE HOLOCAUST WHEN WE SAID NEVER AGAIN.

9:53:01

TODAY I WANT YOU TO CHOOSE A DIFFERENT WORLD.

9:53:06

A WORLD IN WHICH NO ONE IS PERSECUTED BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION,

9:53:13

IDENTITY OR POLITICS. I WANT ALL COUNTRIES TO TAKE UP

9:53:22

ONE VICTIM OR POLITICAL PRISONER'S CASE AND FIGHT FOR ONE FAMILY IN EVERY CORNER OF

9:53:28

THE WORLD. I ASK THE CONCERNED GLOBAL CITIZENS, REJECT INJUSTICE AND

9:53:34

DEMAND THE FREEDOM OF OUR LOVED ONES JUST LIKE MARIA.

9:53:40

I CALL ON CHINA TO FREE EKPAR AND ALL THE INNOCENT PEOPLE IN

9:53:46

ITS CONCENTRATION FORCED LABOR CHASMS AND PRISONS. TRADITIONAL CHINESE CULTURE

9:53:53

VALUES HARMONY, BENEVOLENCE, RIGHTEOUSNESS. A FAMOUS CHINESE SAYING GOES A

9:54:02

PEACEFUL FAMILY WILL PROSPER. BUT THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS AND

9:54:08

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS ARE DESIGNED TO SHATTER BEAUTIFUL FAMILIES

9:54:15

LIKE MINE. I ONCE BELIEVED THAT CHINA STOOD FOR DIVERSITY. AND INCLUSION.

9:54:21

I HOPE TO SEE CHINA AT THIS SUMMIT CHAMPIONING THESE

9:54:29

TRADITIONAL VALUES AND EMBRACING PEACE AS A PROUD AND PROSPEROUS

9:54:39

EMERGING DEMOCRACY. PRESIDENT BIDEN, SECRETARY BLINKEN AND MADAME UNDERSECRETARY FOR LENDING ME

9:54:44

THIS PLATFORM. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU MS. ASAT FOR

9:54:50

SHINING A LIGHT ON EKPAR'S CRUEL DETENTION AND THAT OF HUNDREDS

9:54:56

OF THOUSANDS OF OTHER CHINESE UIGHURS.

9:55:02

NEXT WE'LL HEAR FROM VICTORIA CARDENAS, WHOSE HUSBAND JUAN

9:55:12

SEBASTIAN CHA MORMORRO IS UNJUS IMPRISONED. HE WAS ARRESTED IN JUNE OF THIS

9:55:18

YEAR, ONE OF A NUMBER OF OPPOSITION LEADERS IMPRISONED.

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MRS. CARDENAS, WELCOME. >> SECRETARY BLINKEN, FOREIGN

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MINISTER LANDSBERGIS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR STRONG WORDS OF

9:55:38

SOLIDARITY. H H

9:55:43

MADAME UNDERSECRETARY, IT IS A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND THANK YOU FOR MODERATING THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION. I'M HONORED TO APPEAR ON THIS

9:55:50

PANEL ALONGSIDE THESE COURAGEOUS INDIVIDUALS TO HIGHLIGHT THE CRISIS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

9:55:56

AROUND THE WORLD. MY NAME IS VICTORIA CARDENAS AND I AM THE WIFE OF JUAN SEBASTIAN

9:56:04

CHAMORRO, ONE OF THE MORE THAN 170 POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD BY THE REGIME OF NICARAGUA.

9:56:10

SIX MONTHS AGO ON JUNE 8, JUAN WAS ARRESTED AND DISAPPEARED

9:56:17

WITH THE NATIONAL POLICE. FOR 84 DAYS, WE DID NOT EVEN KNOW IF HE WAS ALIVE. AND FOR THE LAST THREE MONTHS,

9:56:24

HE HAS BEEN DETAINED FOR WEEKS AT A TIME.

9:56:29

EVERY DAY THAT HE IS IN THAT CELL, I FEAR FOR HIS WELL-BEING

9:56:35

AND FOR HIS OVERALL HEALTH. JUAN WAS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

9:56:45

RUNNING IN THE ELECTION SET TO TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 7 BUT HE NEVER GOT THE CHANCE.

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JUAN AND THE SIX OTHER LEADING PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES WERE ALL ARRESTED WHILE THREE OTHERS FLED

9:56:57

THE COUNTRY. THROUGHOUT THIS SUMMER, THE REGIME DISAPPEARED OR DETAINED

9:57:02

MORE THAN 40 POLITICAL FIGURES. JOURNALISTS, STUDENTS, LABOR

9:57:09

LEADERS, PEASANTS, BUSINESS

9:57:19

LEADERS. DECEMBER 7 THEY WERE EXPECTED TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT. THEY KIDNAPPED OPPOSITION, THEY

9:57:25

TERRORIZED ELECTORATE AND A REGIME THAT WILL DO ANYTHING IT CAN TO CLING TO POWER.

9:57:30

IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A DAY OF CELEBRATION. INSTEAD, IT WAS A DEMONSTRATION

9:57:39

THAT HAS KILLED OUR DEMOCRACY. AND THEY ARE ILLEGALLY DETAINED

9:57:44

AND SUFFERING TORTURE THIS JAIL. IT WAS A DAY JUST LIKE THIS SIX

9:57:51

MONTHS AGO THAT MY WORLD WAS TURNED UPSIDE DOWN. IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT, MORE

9:57:57

THAN 40 ARMED POLICE OFFICERS STORMED OUR HOME AND VIOLENTLY

9:58:03

TOOK HELP AWAY. IT WAS THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM

9:58:08

ON HIS KNEES WITH HIS HANDS UP BEGGING THE POLICE NOT TO DO ME

9:58:14

ANY HARM. THE POLICE STAYED IN OUR HOME FOR FOUR HOURS AFTER THE RAID ON

9:58:19

OUR HOME, I FELT COMPLETELY VIOLATED. AND HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GO BACK

9:58:26

EVER SINCE. JUAN AND OTHERS HAVE SINCE BEEN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO

9:58:32

UNDERMINE NATIONAL INTEGRITY. A CRIME WHICH CARRIES A 15 TO 25

9:58:38

YEAR PRISON SENTENCE IF CONVICTED. BUT THE TRIALS HAVE BEEN

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SUSPENDED AND ALL OF THEM ARE IN DETENTION INDEFINITELY.

9:58:49

SINCE HE WAS REAPPEARED AFTER 84 DAYS OF BEING DISAPPEARED,

9:58:55

JUAN'S SISTER HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO SEE HIM ONLY THREE TIMES.

9:59:01

HE HAS LOST SO MUCH WEIGHT THAT SHE TOLD ME I WOULD NOT

9:59:07

RECOGNIZE YOU IF HE WERE TO WALK INTO THE ROOM. MANY POLITICAL PRISONERS SUFFER

9:59:13

FROM POOR HEALTH AND ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE. IT IS CLEAR THAT THEY ARE BEING

9:59:19

SUBJECT TO TORTURE. AFTER JUAN'S ARREST, I HAVE BEEN

9:59:25

ENGAGING CAMPAIGNING FOR THE RELEASE OF THE POLITICAL

9:59:31

PRISONERS. ALONG WITH OTHER WIVES OF

9:59:37

POLITICAL PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES. TOGETHER WE CONTINUE TO MEET WITH DECISION MAKES IN THE UNITED STATES, EUROPEAN UNION,

9:59:44

THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND OTHERS TO RAISE AWARENESS

9:59:51

ABOUT THE CRISIS IN NICARAGUA. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MUST TAKE COORDINATED ACTION TO

9:59:56

RESPOND TO THIS ASSAULTS ON DEMOCRACY, TO STAND WITH OUR PEOPLE AND CON PEOPLE ORTEGA TO

10:00:03

RELEASE OUR LOVED ONES. FOR OUR ACTIVISM, THE REGIME HAS TARGETED US AS WELL.

10:00:09

AFTER A WEEK OF ADVOCACY IN JULY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE WE MET WITH OFFICIALS OF THE BIDEN

10:00:16

ADMINISTRATION, THE ORTEGA REGIME CONDEMNED US AS TRAITORS TO THE HOMELAND. IF WE RETURN TO NICARAGUA, WE

10:00:25

WILL FACE THE SAME FATES OF OUR HUSBANDS. BUT WE KNOW THAT WE MUST KEEP SPEAKING OUT IN THE

10:00:30

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE KNICKNICARAGUA PEOPLE LIVE

10:00:39

DAY WITH NOT KNOWING WHO WILL BE DETAINED NEXT. I FEEL A POWERFUL SENSE OF COMMUNITY BY BEING HERE TODAY.

10:00:45

MANY OF US DID NOT CHOOSE LIFE OF POLITICS BUT OUR PLEA IS NO

10:00:55

A POLITICAL ONE BUT A HUMAN ONE. AND TO BE JOINED HERE TODAY BY

10:01:00

FRIENDS FROM AROUND THE WORLD WHO KNOW THE SAME THING, WE KNOW THAT WE ARE STRONGEST WHEN WE

10:01:07

STAND TOGETHER. WE WILL NOT REST UNTIL OUR LOVED ONES ARE FREE.

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THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MS. CARDENAS, FOR YOUR ADVOCACY, FOR THE MORE THAN

10:01:20

170 POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NICARAGUA AND ALSO FOR SHARING THE IMMENSE TOLL THAT THIS

10:01:26

ADVOCACY TAKES IN TERMS OF AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES TARGETING FAMILY MEMBERS.

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WE NOW WELCOME DR. PETER BIAR AJAK WHO SPENT TWO YEARS AS A

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POLITICAL PRISONER IN SOUTH SUDAN. EN AN ACTIVIST, ACADEMIC, HE WAS

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DETAINED BY THE SOUTH DSUDAN SERVICE FROM JULY 2018 TO JULY

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2020. DR. AJAK, WELCOME. >> THANK YOU.

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SECRETARY BLINKEN, MR. BANDBURG,

10:02:09

EXCE LANDSBERGIS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. I'M GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK HERE TODAY. AND TO THE UNITED STATES FOR

10:02:14

MANY WONDERFUL THINGS THAT IT HAS DONE FOR ME. TWO OF THE GREAT THINGS WERE THE CHANCE TO COME HERE AND STUDY AS

10:02:20

A TEENAGER AND MORE RECENTLY GETTING ME OUT OF PRISON AND SAVING MY LIFE FOR WHICH BOTH

10:02:27

I'M EXTREMELY GRATEFUL.

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I'M DEEPLY MOVED BY WHAT I HAVE HEARD AND THE SENDINCERE ADVOCA

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BY WHTHOSE WHO STAND UP AGAINST SILENCE INCLUDING ALEXEI NAVALNY

10:02:56

IN RUSSIA. MY WIFE, CHILDREN AND LOVED ONES KNOW YOUR PAIN, CONCERNS AND

10:03:04

WORRIES. THANK YOU. AND I ENCOURAGE YOU TO REMAIN STRONG AND STEADFAST REGARDLESS

10:03:09

OF INTIMIDATIONS AND THREAT YOU MAY BE FACING.

10:03:16

WHETHER THERE IS TORTURE OR UNCERTAINTY, IT IS YOUR

10:03:21

RESILIENCE THAT WILL HELP YOUR LOVED ONES TO ENDURE THE SUFFERING THAT THEY ARE UNDERGOING. I STILL REMEMBER THE TERRIFYING

10:03:29

SCREAMS OF MY FELLOW INMATES DURING TORTURE. I RECALL THE UNCERTAINTY I FELT

10:03:36

THROUGHOUT THIS. WHETHER I WAS NEXT, OR WHETHER I'D BE GRABBED FROM MY CELL IN

10:03:41

THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT AND TRANSFERRED TO A MILITARY FACILITY WHERE MANY WERE

10:03:48

EXECUTED. AND THEIR BODIES BURNED TO ASHES.

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WHETHER I'D STILL BE UNDER DETENTION LIKE OTHERS ARRESTED

10:04:05

FOR SUPPORTING CAUSES FOR PEACEFUL PROTESTS. INDEED POLITICAL PRISONERS OCCUPY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE

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ADVANCEMENT OF DEMOCRACY BECAUSE FREEDOM DOES NOT COME ON ITS OWN BUT REQUIRES PEOPLE WILLING TO

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FIGHT FOR IT TO DEFEND IT, TO RISK THEIR LIVES FOR IT.

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THEREFORE, NOT ONLY MUST WE FIGHT FOR THE LIVES AND FREEDOM OF POLITICAL PRISONERS BUT WE

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MUST HELP THEM REALIZE THE DREAMS FOR WHICH THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES IN THE FIRST PLACE. IN MY CASE, I DARED TO DREAM OF

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A SOUTH SUDAN THAT LIVES UP TO THE ASPIRATION OF ITS PEOPLE FOR WHICH 2.5 MILLION PEOPLE PAID

10:04:44

THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.

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WHETHER VETERANS, ACTIVE SOLDIER SOLDIERS OR CITIZENS, OUR DESIRE IS FOR A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY THAT

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STRIVE FOR THE WELFARE OF CITIZENS AND TREATS EVERYONE

10:05:03

WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. AND WHILE WE WORKDAY AND NIGHT FOR THIS VISION, WE RECOGNIZE

10:05:09

THAT WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OTHERS THAT LOVE FREEDOM FROM AROUND THE WORLD, OUR BEST

10:05:16

EFFORTS MAY FALL SHORT IN THE ABSENCE OF THEIR AID. SECRETARY BLINKEN, MINISTER

10:05:23

LANDSBERGIS, HONORED GUESTS, SOUTH SUDAN WAS BORN FROM THE PROMISE OF DEMOCRACY AND WITH

10:05:32

THE HELP OF THE UNITED STATES AND UNITED KINGDOM AND NORWAY, THESE COUNTRIES AND OTHERS IN

10:05:39

OUR REGION, IN AFRICA AND AROUND THE WORLD WERE INSPIRED BY WHAT PEOPLE STRUGGLED FOR A

10:05:44

DEMOCRATIC FUTURE. YET OUR EXPERIENCE SINCE INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN A COMPLETE

10:05:51

DISASTER. JUST TO CITE ONE EXAMPLE, SOUTH SUDAN SCORED ONLY TWO OUT OF 100

10:05:57

IN THIS YEAR'S FUND FOR PEACE GLOBAL INDEX. AND IN ADDITION, WE HAVE NOT HAD ELECTIONS SINCE

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TEN YEARS SINCE WE GET OUR INDEPENDENCE. I AM 38 YEARS OLD AND I HAVE

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NEVER VOTED IN MY LIFE. WE WERE SCHEDULED TO GO TO ELECTIONS IN 2015, BUT THE

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OUTBREAK OF CON FLIFLICT IN 2015 USED AS AN EXCUSE TO PUSH TO 2018. AND WHEN 2018 CAME, THEY WERE

10:06:25

DELAYED YET AGAIN TO 2021. AND THE REVITALIZED PEACE AGREEMENT OF 2018 EXTENDED THEM

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TO 2022. AND RECENTLY BECAUSE OF THE INABILITY OF THE LEADERS OF

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SOUTH SUDAN TO IMPLEMENT A PEACE DEAL ON TIME, ELECTIONS WERE PUSHED ONCE AGAIN TO 2023.

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THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN ARE TIRED OF BEING RULED BY

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ILLEGITIMATE LEADERS, OFTEN WARLORDS WHO EXPRESS POWER

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THROUGH VIOLENCE RATHER THAN THROUGH DEMOCRATIC SITUATIONS.

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WE ARE OFTEN TOLD THAT THIS APPROACH WILL STABILIZE SOUTH SUDAN BEFORE PEOPLE CAN EXERCISE

10:07:06

DEMOCRACY. BUT WE KNOW DEEPLY IN OUR HEARTS THAT LASTING DEMOCRACY RATHER THAN A MERE FACADE OF IT COMES

10:07:14

FROM DOMESTIC POLITICS BUILD ON PEACEFUL IDEAS WITH ELECTORATES

10:07:20

AS FINAL ARBITERS THROUGH UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE. IT IS TIME FOR SOUTH SUDAN, OUR

10:07:26

NEIGHBORS, AFRICAN UNION, TROICA

10:07:31

AND OTHERS AS PARTNERS FINALLY EXERCISE DEMOCRACY THROUGH THE CONDUCT OF INTERNATIONALLY

10:07:37

SUPERVISED ELECTIONS BY 2023. THIS IS DOABLE, MADAME

10:07:43

UNDERSECRETARY. THERE IS ALSO A U.N. PEACE GIVING FORCE IN THE COUNTRY AND THE PRESENCE OF THE

10:07:48

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT IS PRESENTLY IN THE COUNTRY THAT IS KEEPING THAT COUNTRY STANDING.

10:07:53

LET'S ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH SUDAN GET THE RIGHT TO VOTE. AND WHILE OUR FIRST ELECTION WILL BE MESSY, IT WILL PROVIDE

10:08:00

AN IMPORTANT REFERENCE POINT THAT THE ONLY LEGITIMATE AND LASTING MEANS FOR ACCESSING AND

10:08:06

EXERCISING POWER IS THROUGH THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNMENT. IT WILL BRING BACK TO THE PEOPLE

10:08:11

OF SOUTH SUDAN THE HARD-FOUGHT AGENCY AND RIGHT TO SHAPE THEIR

10:08:17

OWN DESTINY. WE CALL ON THOSE COMMITTED TO THE ADVANCEMENT OF FREEDOM ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD TO INVEST IN THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF SOUTH

10:08:24

SUDAN, TO ASSIST THEM TO ORGANIZE THEMSELVES AND HELP THEM UPGRADE THEIR CAPABILITIES

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TO BUILD A VIABLE STATE. WITH SUPPORT YOU WILL HAVE AIDED

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US TO BRING US THAT RIGHT FOR WHICH MILLIONS SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES AND YOU WILL HAVE ENSURED

10:08:44

THAT HIGH SUFMY SUFFERING AND S OF OTHERS LIKE ME WAS NOT IN VAIN. LET ME STOP THERE.

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BACK TO YOU, HMADAME UNDERSECRETARY. >> THANK YOU FOR REMINDING US OF

10:08:56

THE RESILIENCE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT IN THE FACE OF ANTI-DEMOCRATIC REPRESSION. AND I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR

10:09:03

COURAGEOUS SPEAKERS FOR GIVING VOICE TO THOSE WHO COULD NOT BE WITH US TODAY.

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE. AND YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NOT

10:09:14

FORGOTTEN. STATEMENTS BY ALL FOUR OF OUR PANELISTS REMIND US THAT THE SCORCH OF DETAINING POLITICAL

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PRISONERS CAN BE FOUND IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES CALLS FOR THE

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IMMEDIATE AND UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE NOT ONLY OF MARIA

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KALESNIKAYA, EKPAS ASAT, AND JUAN SEBASTIAN CHAMORRO, BUT OF

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ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD WORLDWIDE. WE NOW HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR DIRECTLY FROM AN EXPERT IN

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SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTIONS IN THE CASES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. DR. JEREMY WEINSTEIN IS A

10:09:50

STANFORD PROFESSOR AND KEY ARCHITECT OF THE "FREE THE 20" CAMPAIGN BY THEN U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS SAMANTHA

10:09:57

POWER FOR WHOM HE SERVED AS CHIEF OF STAFF. LAUNCHED IN 2015, THIS CAMPAIGN

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ADVOCATED FOR THE RELEASE OF 20 FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD IN ADVANCE OF

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THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEIJING CONFERENCE ON WOMEN.

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REMARKABLY 16 OF THOSE 20 WOMEN WERE FREED. PROFESSOR WEINSTEIN AND HIS

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ASSOCIATE HAVE DONE AN ACADEMIC STUDY EVALUATING WHY THIS CAMPAIGN WAS SO SUCCESSFUL AND

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WHAT SORTS OF STRATEGIES AND TACTICS GENERALLY MAY BE EFFECTIVE IN SECURING THE

10:10:33

RELEASE OF THOSE UNJUSTLY DETAINED. IN THE INTERESTS OF FULL DISCLOSURE, I SHOULD NOTE

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PROFESSION OFF SWWEINSTEIN CURRENTLY WORKS PART TIME AT THEIST DEPARTMENT OF STATE. THE VIEWS HE SXESEXPRESSES ARE

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OWN AND DON'T NECESSARILY REFLECT THOSE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

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DR. WEINSTEIN, WELCOME. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT IS AN HONOR TO JOIN TODAY'S

10:10:59

DECISION ON THE PLIGHT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THE ROLE OF COORDINATED DIPLOMACY IN PRESSING FOR THEIR RELEASE.

10:11:05

TODAY WE'VE HEARD THE POWERFUL STORIES OF CHAMPIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY. THE RISKS THEY HAVE TAKEN ON

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BEHALF OF FELLOW CITIZENS. AND THE REPRESSION THAT THEY HAVE EXPERIENCED AT THE HANDS OF REGIMES THREATENED BY THEIR

10:11:18

VOICES. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT POLITICAL PROTESTS, CITIZEN MOBILIZATION,

10:11:23

AND DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION, WE'RE REALLY TALKING ABOUT INDIVIDUALS, HUMAN BEINGS,

10:11:29

PEACEFULLY EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS RAISING CONCERNS ON BEHALF OF OTHERS, PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE CONSEQUENCES OF

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CHALLENGING THE STATE. THE MOST FAMOUS POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE KNOWN TO ALL OF US. BUT MOST ARE NOT A HOUSEHOLD

10:11:44

NAME. THOUGH THEIR WORK IS CENTRAL EVERYWHERE TO THE STORY OF

10:11:49

DEMOCRATIC CHANGE. AS PART OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION, I'M HERE TO OFFER A SCHOLARLY

10:11:54

PERSPECTIVE ON HOW WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF POLITICAL PRISONERS NOT ONLY

10:12:00

TO BRING ATTENTION TO THEIR PLIGHT BUT ALSO TO SUCCEED IN GETTING THEM RELEASED. THIS REQUIRES LOOKING

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SYSTEMICALLY AT THE PAST AND MINING THE PAST FOR EVIDENCE OF WHAT WORKS IN HELPING US TO

10:12:12

ADVANCE OUR HUMAN RIGHTS GOALS. I BRING TWO DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES TO THIS DISCUSSION,

10:12:17

FIRST AS A FORMER DIPLOMAT WHO SERVED IN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WORKING ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND

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SECOND AS A PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SIGNS WHERE I BRING MODERN RESEARCH TECHNIQUES TO

10:12:28

THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. I THINK THAT IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT THE

10:12:34

EFFICACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE BECAUSE THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM IS THAT

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DIPLOMACY ISN'T SUFFICIENTLY POWERFUL TO MAKE PROGRESS ON DIFFICULT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

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AND THIS BELIEF THEN BECOMES A JUSTIFICATION FOR NOT EVEN

10:12:52

TRYING. I WANT TO CONVINCE YOU TODAY THAT THIS CONVENTIONAL WISDOM IS WRONG, AND I WANT TO DO SO BY

10:12:57

TELLING YOU A STORY OF A CAMPAIGN TO FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS. SHARING A BIT ABOUT HOW WE

10:13:03

LEARNED ABOUT ITS EFFICACY AND ENDING WITH THREE LESSONS FOR GOVERNMENTS DOING THIS WORK.

10:13:09

SO THE STORY IS ABOUT THE "FREE THE 20" CAMPAIGN. AS THE UNDERSECRETARY MENTIONED,

10:13:17

THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION LAUNCHED A PUBLIC CAMPAIGN

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FREE THE GROUP OF WOMEN AND IT WAS LAUNCHED IN 2015 ON THE MARGINS OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETINGS, 20 YEARS AFTER THE BEIJING WOMEN'S CONFERENCE. AND IT HIGHLIGHTED THE NAMES OF

10:13:35

19 FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND ONE UNNAMED FEMALE POLITICAL

10:13:41

PRISONER WHO REPRESENTED WOMEN IMPRISONED IN NORTH KOREA. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ORGANIZED A

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PUBLIC AND SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN AROUND THE PLIGHT OF THE PRISONERS AND PAIRED THIS EFFORT WITH PRIVATE BEHIND THE SCENES

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DIPLOMACY. AS THE UNDERSECRETARY MENTIONED, THE CAMPAIGN WAS A REMARKABLE SUCCESS.

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WITHIN THREE YEARS, 16 OF THE WOMEN WERE RELEASED. HOW DID WE LEARN ABOUT THE

10:14:04

EFFECTS OF THIS CAMPAIGN? LOOKING AT THE OUTCOME AS AN ANALYST, ONE CRITICAL QUESTION

10:14:11

YOU MIGHT ASK IS WHETHER OR NOT THE RELEASE OF THESE HIGH PROFILE PRISONERS COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO U.S. DIPLOMACY.

10:14:18

PERHAPS THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED ANYWAY. OR MAYBE THE CAMPAIGN FOCUSED ATTENTION ON WOMEN WHO WERE LESS

10:14:24

OF A THREAT TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS. SO IN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE

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EFFICACY OF DIPLOMACY, WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT A BASIS FOR COMPARISON, WE NEED TO KNOW

10:14:34

WHETHER OTHER FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THESE COUNTRIES OR IN OTHER COUNTRIES AROUND THE

10:14:40

WORLD WOULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED IN THE ABSENCE OF U.S. PRESSURE. AND SO THAT IS WHAT THE STUDY

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THAT WE'VE DONE CARRIES OUT. AND IN COMPARING THE PLIGHT OF THE WOMEN TARGETED BY THE "FREE

10:14:53

THE 20" CAMPAIGN TO OTHER GROUPS OF FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONERS BOTH IN THE COUNTRIES THAT WERE TARGETED BUT ALSO IN OTHER

10:14:59

COUNTRIES, THE RESULTS ARE STRIKING. THEY PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT U.S.

10:15:05

34ROES DIPLOMACY PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF MANY OF THE "FREE THE 20" WOMEN.

10:15:11

THEY WERE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO BE RELEASED IF THEY WERE IN THE CAMPAIGN THAN THOSE WHO WERE NOT.

10:15:16

AND WE TOOK A CAREFUL LOOK AT HOW THE CAMPAIGN SHAPED PUBLIC MEDIA NARRATIVES AND USED

10:15:23

INTERVIEWS WITH OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN HUMAN RIGHTS DIPL RIGHTS DIPLOMACY TO UNDERSTAND WHAT

10:15:29

HAPPENED BEHIND THE SCENES. SO THREE LESSONS I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH.

10:15:36

FIRST IS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY WORKS BEST WHEN ORGANIZED AROUND SPECIFIC AND TARGETED GOALS.

10:15:41

PART OF THE SUCCESS OF "FREE THE 20" WAS ROOTED IN THE FACT THAT IT WAS FOCUSED ON THE PLIGHT OF

10:15:49

INDIVIDUAL POLITICAL PRISONERS. SUCCESS WAS POSSIBLE TO MONITOR. AND ABSTRACT OBJECTIVES LIKE

10:15:55

PROMOTING THE RULE OF LAW OR STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS ARE MUCH HARDER AS OBJECTIVES AROUND WHICH TO

10:16:02

MOBILIZE ACTION. SECOND, EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT-LED HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGNS REQUIRE

10:16:09

STRONG BUY-THIS FROM ACROSS GOVERNMENT BECAUSE ONE OF THE REASONS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES ARE SO DIFFICULT TO ADVANCE IS

10:16:15

THAT THEY OFTEN GET STUCK IN DISAGREEMENTS AMONG DIFFERENT BUREAUCRATIC ACTORS.

10:16:22

"FREE THE 20" CAMPAIGN OVERCAME DEADLOCK ON HOW HARD TO PUSH ON HUMAN RIGHTS WITHIN THE FOREIGN POLICY BUREAUCRACY BY MAKING

10:16:29

HIGHLY VISIBLE SENIOR OFFICIALS CENTRAL TO THE CAMPAIGN AND COMMUNICATING PUBLICLY ABOUT ITS

10:16:35

GOALS. AND THIRD AND PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT, HUMAN RIGHTS DIPLOMACY IS UNLIKELY TO BE

10:16:42

SUCCESSFUL WITHOUT THE CAREFUL ALIGNMENT OF PUBLIC PRESSURE AND PRIVATE PRESSURE.

10:16:48

WHILE THE OFFICIALS WHO CONSTRUCTED THE "FREE THE 20" CAMPAIGN INTENDED FOR IT FIRST AND FOREMOST TO PUT PUBLIC

10:16:54

PRESSURE ON FOREIGN LEADERS, THE WORK THAT WAS DONE BEHIND THE SCENES, THE DIPLOMATIC

10:16:59

ACTIVITIES, THE PRESSURE THAT WAS ALIGNED, THE INDUCEMENTS AND SANCTIONS THAT WERE THREATENED,

10:17:05

THESE PLAYED THE MOST CENTRAL ROLE IN HELPING TO SECURE THE RELEASE OF THE "FREE THE 20"

10:17:12

WOMEN. SO IN A GROWING CLIMATE OF

10:17:18

PRE-P REPRESSION, THE PLIGHT OF POLITICAL PRESUMPTIVE NOMINEE E

10:17:23

CONTINUE TO DEMAND OUR ATTENTION. TELLING THEIR STORIES IS AN ESSENTIAL FIRST STEP IN CHALLENGING THE POWER OF REGIMES

10:17:29

THAT ATTEMPT TO SILENCE THOSE THAT DISSENT. BUT GETTING PEOPLE RELEASED

10:17:36

DEPENDS MORE TO GETTING PEOPLE TO TELL THEIR STORIES. IT ALSO REQUIRES HARD-NOSED DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE, CLEAR

10:17:41

COORDINATED STEPS WITH CARROTS AND STICKS TO PROVIDE IN-SEND TENTS FOR RELEASE.

10:17:47

WE'VE GONE INTO THIS IN THE PAST AND WE MUST DO IT GOING FORWARD. WE'VE GONE INTO THIS IN THE PAST AND WE MUST DO IT GOING FORWARD.

10:17:52

I'LL LIVE IT THERE. UNDERSECRETARY, BACK TO YOU. >> THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING KEY

10:17:59

LESSONS ON PRACTICAL IDEAS AND ACTIONS THAT INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS CAN TAKE TO ADVOCATE

10:18:04

ON BEHALF OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR

10:18:09

INSIGHTS. RESPECTED SPEAKERS AND DISTINGUISHED PARTICIPANTS, AS WE LOOK AHEAD TO THE 2022 YEAR

10:18:15

OF ACTION, WE NEED A RENEWED FOCUS ON THE PLIGHT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS AROUND THE WORLD AND WE NEED TO SEND A CLEAR MESSAGE

10:18:23

CONDEMNING THE ACTIONS OF THE AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS THAT PERSECUTE THEIR CITIZENS FOR

10:18:28

EXERCISING THEIR RIGHTS. FROM THE U.S. PERSPECTIVE, OUR AIM IN TODAY'S EVENT IS NOT ONLY

10:18:34

TO SECURE THE FREEDOM OF MARIA KALESNIKAYA, EKPAR ASAT, AND

10:18:39

JUAN SEBASTIAN CHAMORRO BEFORE THE SECOND SUMMIT OF DEMOCRACY NEXT YEAR, BUT ALSO TO PROMOTE

10:18:47

EFFORTS TO FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS ALL OVER THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

10:18:52

LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS TO CARRY OUT COORDINATED EFFORTS

10:19:02

AIMED AT SECURING THE AFOREMENTIONED POLITICAL PRISONERS AND OTHERS LIKE THEM.

10:19:07

AND WE ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY PARTNERS TO INCREASE INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS

10:19:12

OF THE PERSISTENT POLITICAL PRISONERS PROBLEM INCLUDING THROUGH INCREASED ENGAGEMENT BY

10:19:18

INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS AT INTERNATIONAL FORA. FRANKLY, WE'D LIKE TO SEE AN

10:19:24

EXPANSION OF THE RELATIVELY SMALL CIRCLE OF COUNTRIES THAT CURRENTLY ADVOCATE FOR THE

10:19:30

RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS. TO QUOTE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. FROM HIS 1963 LETTER FROM

10:19:36

THE BIRMINGHAM JAIL, INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE

10:19:44

EVERYWHERE. DR. KING'S WORDS ARE A SOBERING REMINDER THAT WE ALL HAVE A

10:19:49

RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE A STAND WHEN WE SEE INJUSTICE. THE AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES OF THE

10:19:56

WORLD WILL OF COURSE CONTINUE TO DENY THAT THEY TAKE OR HOLD ANY POLITICAL PRISONERS.

10:20:02

BUT WE MUST PERSIST IN IDENTIFYING THEM AND CALLING FOR THEIR RELEASE.

10:20:07

NOW, WITH THE BRIEF AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WE HAVE LEFT, I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR A LAST WORD FROM

10:20:15

EACH OF OUR FOUR PANELISTS WHO OPENED IF THERE IS A POINT YOU'D LIKE TO REITERATE TO OUR

10:20:22

AUDIENCE OF GOVERNMENTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ON WHAT THEY CAN DO TO HELP THE PLIGHT OF

10:20:27

POLITICAL PRISONERS AROUND THE WORLD. TATSIANNA, CAN WE START WITH

10:20:33

YOU? >> OF COURSE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, I WANT TO THANK YOU

10:20:43

UNDERSECRETARY, THANK ALSO SECRETARY BLINKEN AND MINISTER

10:20:49

LANDSBERGIS. AND I HEARD A LOT OF VERY USEFUL INFORMATION AND STEPS ALREADY

10:20:55

TAKEN BY DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR DOING IT.

10:21:00

I WANT TO THANK YOU ALSO FOR INVOLVING OTHER COUNTRIES. I THINK THAT THIS IS VERY

10:21:08

IMPORTANT WHEN WE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN BELARUS

10:21:13

AND ALL OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT. AND I ALSO WANT TO REMIND ABOUT

10:21:19

SOME SMALL STEPS, YES, THAT EXIST FOR ORDINARY PEOPLE IN

10:21:27

DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. PLEASE WRITE LETTERS TO POLITICAL PRISONERS BECAUSE THEY

10:21:33

ARE AFRAID TO BE FORGOTTEN. THIS IS REALLY DANGEROUS FOR

10:21:38

THEM. GO ON AND TAKE -- MAKE DEMONSTRATIONS IN YOUR COUNTRIES AND TOWNS.

10:21:44

SU SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS AND ORGANIZATIONS. RAISE THE SITUATIO

10:21:55

PRISONERS TO YOUR POLITICIANS IN YOUR COUNTRIES AN SHARE ALL THE INFORMATION AND MEDIA
AND SO ON HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN

10:22:01

BELARUS AND OTHER COUNTRIES THAT MAY BE CLOSER TO YOU AND MORE

10:22:07

INTERESTED IN. SO SMALL STEPS, SUPPORT AND HELP A LOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10:22:13

>> THANKENED TO SUPPORT THE

10:22:23

LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN MYSELF.

10:22:28

>> AND HERE IS MY MESSAGE TO WORLD LEADERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC. THERE IS NOTHING MORE
NOBLE THAN

10:22:34

FIGHTING FOR HUMAN FREEDOM AND

10:22:39

DIGNITY. EVERY DAY WHEN VICTIMS LIKE MY BROTHER, CONCENTRATION CAMP

10:22:45

VICTIMS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, WHEN THEIR LIVES WASTE AWAY IN THESE CAMPS AND PRISONS,
OUR

10:22:52

DIGNITY AS BYSTANDERS CHANGE.

10:22:57

DR. AJAK'S CASE IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF USING DIPLOMACY TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE AND FIGHTING

10:23:04

FOR HUMAN FREEDOM. SO I REALLY HOPE WORLD LEADERS AND COUNTRIES USE THE DIPLOMATIC

10:23:09

TOOLS THAT THEY HAVE TO FIGHT FOR HUMAN FREEDOM.

10:23:15

AND LAST I WOULD LOVE TO SAY THAT COUNTRIES LIKE LITHUANIA HAS BEEN TRULY A CHAMPION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

10:23:23

AND I RAEALLY HOPE MANY COUNTRI

10:23:33

>> AND NOW VICTORIA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE A LAST WORD?

10:23:39

>> YES, UNDER SECRETARY. AS YOU MENTIONED, THIS IS

10:23:44

HUMANITARIAN CATASTROPHE, WHAT WE ARE LIVING IN THIS

10:23:50

AUTHORITARIAN COUNTRIES THAT HAVE AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES. THESE ARE HUMAN BEINGS BEING

10:23:57

TORTURED IN THESE CELLS. SO WE NEED THE COORDINATED PRESSURE OF THE INTERNATIONAL

10:24:03

COMMUNITY TO PUT PRESSURE ON THESE GOVERNMENTS TO FREE OUR LOVED ONES.

10:24:09

EACH DAY IS IMPORTANT. EACH DAY THEY ARE THERE.

10:24:14

IT'S VERY DANGEROUS. THEIR HEALTH, THEIR WELL BEING,

10:24:19

THEIR DIGNITY IS BEING VIOLATED. THANK YOU FOR THIS SPACE WHICH

10:24:25

IS SO IMPORTANT TO LET OUR VOICES BE HEARD. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, VICTORIA.

10:24:31

AND NOW PETER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE A LAST WORD WITH OUR AUDIENCE? >> YES, INDEED.

10:24:36

I WANT TO SAY THIS HAS REALLY BEEN A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO SPEAK HERE AND TO SHARE MY IDEAS

10:24:42

AND PERSPECTIVE ON THIS TOPIC. AND I WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE

10:24:48

WATCHING THAT THEY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND THEY CANNOT JUST

10:24:53

LEAVE IT TO THEIR GOVERNMENT TO BE THE ONLY ONE ADVOCATING FOR THE RELEASE AND FREEDOMS OF

10:24:59

POLITICAL DETAINEES. THEY CAN DO SOMETHING. IN MY CASE, NOT ONLY MY FAMILY, MY WIFE IN PARTICULAR, BUT ALSO

10:25:07

BECAUSE I HAD A CHANCE TO COME AND LIVE IN THE U.S. WHEN I WAS A TEENAGER, MY AMERICAN FAMILY,

10:25:12

THE CHURCH THAT I USED TO GROW UP IN, MY CLASSMATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND FROM UNIVERSITY, FROM

10:25:17

GRADUATE SCHOOL, MY CLASSMATE IN THE UK, MY FRIENDS THAT I MET FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, THEY

10:25:23

SIGNED PETITIONS, CONTRIBUTED MONEY AND WROTE LETTERS DEMANDING MY RELEASE FROM

10:25:33

AUTHORITIES, MY PROFESSORS AT HARVARD AND LaSALLE, SOME ADVOCATED FOR ME IN THE HALLS OF

10:25:40

CONGRESS. EVERYONE WAS INVOLVED AND IT SHOWED THAT THIS IS A FIGHT FOR EVERYONE THAT BELIEVES IN

10:25:45

FREEDOM AND EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. LET'S DO SOMETHING TO FREE THOSE IN PRISON AND NOT LEAVE IT TO

10:25:51

THE GOVERNMENTS. LET'S BE AGENT OF A DIFFERENCE IN THIS STRUGGLE.

10:25:57

>> THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR COURAGE, YOUR COMMITMENT, AND

10:26:03

ACTIVISM. ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES, I'D LIKE TO THANK OUR LITHUANIAN

10:26:09

CO-HOSTS, ALL OUR SPEAKERS AND EVERYONE AROUND THE WORLD WHO TUNED IN. THIS EVENT IS BEING RECORDED AND

10:26:14

WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FOLLOW-UP VIEWING THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WEBSITE. GOODBYE FOR NOW, AND THANK YOU.

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ARDERN SHOWED HOW EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP THAT

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PRESERVES CIVIL LIBERTIES AND HELPING THOSE MARGINALIZED IS

16:48

CRITICAL AND GAINING GOVERNMENT TRUST IN A PANDEMIC IS CRITICAL.

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AND SO WE CAN BUILD BACK BETTER IN A TIME OF SOLIDARITY AND

17:02

BUILD BACK BETTER AND THESE ARE VALUABLE LESSONS AND WE ARE LOOKING TO THE PRIME MINISTER TO

17:08

SHARE THEM.

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>> MR. PRESIDENT, SECRETARY BLINKEN, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING

17:29

US TOGETHER, AND FELLOW PANELISTS AND ACADEMICS AND

17:36

EVERYONE HERE TODAY, MY GREETINGS FROM NEW ZEALAND,

17:44

DEMOCRACY AND PLURALISM AND PARTNERSHIP IS IDEAL. NEW ZEALAND IS ONE OF THE OLDEST

17:51

DEMOCRACIES IN THE WORLD, AND HELD REGULAR ELECTIONS SINCE

17:57

1834, AND WE BECAME ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE DEMOCRACIES WITH

18:06

WOMEN ALLOWED TO VOTE AND WE ALSO INCLUDED THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO HAVE A PLACE IN THE

18:13

PARLIAMENT, BUT OUR DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM IS NOT JUST ABOUT VOTE, BECAUSE IT TOOK ALMOST A CENTURY

18:19

LATER FOR US TO HAVE THE MINORITY AND WOMEN TO

18:25

PARTICIPATE TO THIS DAY. WHILE WE LOOK AT PROGRESS TODAY, WE HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS OF THE

18:31

DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS AND THE PROGRESS THEY MAKE CAN BE FRAGILE AND THEY NEED THINGS TO

18:37

THRIVE. AMONG THEM HIGH QUALITY INSTITUTIONS AND A CLEAR SOCIAL CONTRACT TO UNDERPIN THEM, AND

18:44

UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE RULE OF LAW, AND A

18:49

VOICE FOR MARGINALIZED PEOPLE, AND ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS IN PRESSING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

18:56

ISSUES. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS HAD A WIDE RANGING IMPACT ON ALL OF US

19:01

HERE, FROM MILLIONS OF DEATHS AROUND THE WORLD TO THOUSANDS OF NEW CASES.

19:07

IT IS A LASTING IMPACT FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND LOSING FRIENDS AND RELATIVES AND THE WAY WE

19:13

WORK AND MOVE AND OUR WORKPLACES AND HOW WE CONNECT. COVID-19 HAS EXPOSED

19:20

INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIAL DEFICITS AND HOUSING ISSUES AND SOCIAL DISPLACEMENT, AND THE

19:25

INEQUALITY AND THE DISTRUST OF MARGINALIZED GROUPS ALREADY HAD

19:30

IN GOVERNMENTS. COVID HAS MADE DIFFICULT SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES INTO URGENT PRIOR

19:37

TIS AND TURNED BRAVE PARTIES ON THE LINE FOR THE REST OF US.

19:43

OUR WORK, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LIVES HAVE BEEN PUSHED ONLINE, AND THIS HAS ACCELERATED THE

19:48

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND IN EXCEPTIONAL AND INNOVATIVE WAYS, BUT IT HAS THRUST MANY OF US

19:54

INTO AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS ISOLATING AND UNFAMILIAR AND LACKING THE SOCIAL NORMS THAT

19:59

GOVERN OFF-LINE BEHAVIORS AND FOR SOME, IT HAS DEEPENED THE

20:05

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DISTANCES AND HIGHLIGHTING THE DEEPENING

20:10

SOCIAL INCLUSION, AND HEIGHTENING DIVISIONS.

20:15

THIS IS A PROFOUND EFFECT ON DEMOCRACIES, AND MANY ARE ENABLING AND STRONG AND

20:21

POSITIVE, BUT OTHERS REQUIRE KEY THOUGHTFUL THOUGHT FOR SOCIETIES

20:27

AND DEMOCRACIES. AS WE THINK OF DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE, WE NEED TO THINK CONSCIOUSLY OF HOW WE NURTURE

20:35

AND MAINTAIN DEMOCRACIES IN A NURTURING ENVIRONMENT. WE ARE COMMITTED TO A FREE AND

20:44

OPEN AND SECURE GLOBAL INTERNET AS A POWERFUL VEHICLE FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS, DEMOCRATIC

20:49

PARTICIPATION AND ECONOMIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCES. THE INTERNET CONNECTS PEOPLE

20:54

ACROSS THE BORDS AND BETWEEN THE LEGAL SYSTEMS AND DEMOCRACIES

20:59

AND CULTURAL VALUES. KEENING IT FREE AND OPEN AND SECURE MEANS TO MAKE CERTAIN

21:05

CONSCIOUS TRADEOFFS IN WAY WE PURSUE OTHER OBJECTIVES. GOVERNMENTS ALONE DON'T POSSESS

21:11

ALL OF THE EXPERTISE OR LEGITIMACY TO OPERATE IN THAT SPACE, AND NOR DO THE

21:19

STAKEHOLDERS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE IF WE ARE TO CHART A PATH FORWARD. I AM A FIRM BELIEVER IN

21:25

STRENGTHENING THE DIVERSITY AND MULTI OPEN STAKEHOLDER APPROACHES CAN BE POWERFUL

21:31

EFFECTIVE AND IMPORTANTLY ENDURING. I HAVE SEEN THE PROGRESS MADE

21:38

THROUGH CALLS OF ACTION AND GROUPS TO COMBAT TERRORISTIC

21:43

CONTENT ONLINE, AND WE HAVE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO JOIN THE CROSS CORE, AND THE U.S. AND

21:51

OTHER 50 COUNTRIES HAVE A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION OF 50 ORGANIZATIONS

21:57

AND TECH COMPANIES IN THIS WORK. THIS IS A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE THAT THE IDEA OF THE SAFER

22:02

INTERNET DOES NOT HAVE TO COMPROMISE ON OPENNESS NOR HUMAN RIGHTS. ON A RELATED NOTE AS THE

22:09

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES PLAY AN EMERGING ROLE, WE HAVE TO

22:16

DEVELOP FRAMEWORKS TO GOVERN THEM. THOSE TECHNOLOGIES NEED

22:24

EXPERTISE ACROSS THE SOCIETY. AND WE ARE PLEASED TO WORK ON THESE ISSUES AND THE GLOBAL

22:30

PARTNERSHIP OF THE AI AND THE FREEDOM OF THE ONLINE COALITION,

22:35

AND HERE AT THE SUMMIT. THESE FRAMEWORKS HAVE TO FOCUS ON THE FRAMEWORK SOLUTION, AND HOW THE DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE

22:42

CAN SPEAK FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND EACH OTHER DEMAND NO LESS. THIS WORK IS CRITICAL IN HOW

22:49

TECHNOLOGY ENHANCES FREE AND OPEN SOCIETIES, AND HOW TO HAVE

22:59

APPRECIATION AND IMPROVE HUMAN RIGHTS. WE MUST ACT WHEN WE ARE

23:04

CHALLENGED WITH RESILIENCE. WHEN WE SAW THAT COVID-19 WAS

23:10

AFFECTING MODELS, AND WITH TECHNOLOGY AND FREEDOM DEMANDS,

23:16

AND WITH THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 PARTICULARLY ON THE INTERNET.

23:21

WE MADE IT A PRIORITY TO ESTABLISH A JOURNALISM FUND TO

23:27

KEEP NEW ZEALANDERS INFORMED. AND PENDING THIS ACTION, IT WAS A VIBRANCY AND MEDIA
SECTOR IS A

23:36

VITAL COMPONENT TO A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY IN A CHALLENGING TIME.

23:44

THESE TECHNOLOGIES CAN COME TOGETHER TO HELP WITH OUR HEALTH SYSTEMS TO BE PREPARED
FOR THE

23:51

NEXT PANDEMIC. AND IN NEW ZEALAND, WE ARE GOING TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO WORK ON
COOPERATIVE AND TO

24:00

ENSURE EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE OUTCOMES FOR ALL COUNTRIES AND

24:05

PROMOTE DEEPENING AND EQUALITIES, AND THIS TO HELP THE

24:11

HEALTH AND DEEPENING DEMOCRACIES IS NOT LOST. THAT IS WHAT BUILDING BACK

24:16

BETTER IS ALL ABOUT. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU, PRESIDENT BIDEN, FOR THIS SUMMIT, AND

24:24

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE. I LOOK FORWARD TO IMPROVING THIS

24:31

CONVERSATION FOR US ALL. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, PRIME

24:39

MINISTER ARDERN, FOR THE POWERFUL EXAMPLE THAT YOU SET AND THE CALL TO ACTION THAT YOU
HAVE ISSUED TO ALL OF US TODAY.

24:46

WE'D LIKE TO TURN NOW TO MARY KAY HENRY, THE INTERNATIONAL

24:51

PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT, SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, TO

24:56

HIGHLIGHT THE ESSENTIAL ROLE THAT ORGANIZED RIGHTS AND ORGANIZED LABOR PLAY IN THE

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DEMOCRACIES ROLE PLAYS DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND CHART A COURSE

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TO BUILD BACK BETTER AND LOOK BACK TO HEARING FROM HER OF HOW

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THIS CAN OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD BACK BETTER, AND HOW

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GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE GLOBE CAN STRENGTHEN THE ADVANCING

25:27

STRENGTHENING ALL EMPLOYEES AND

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EMPLOYERS ALIKE. >> THANK YOU, SECRETARY BLINKEN. I'M HONORED TO BE WITH YOU ALL TODAY.

25:37

I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR INCLUDING A U.S. TRADE

25:45

LEADER IN THIS DEMOCRACY SUMMIT. I AM THE PRESIDENT OF A 2 MILLION MEMBER ORGANIZATION OF

25:51

SERVICE EMPLOYEES ON THE FRONT LINE OF THIS PANDEMIC IN CENTRAL WORKERS IN NURSING HOMES,

25:56

JANITORS, AIRPORT WORKERS, CITY AND COUNTY WORKERS, HOME AND CHILD CARE PROVIDES AND CITY AND

26:03

COUNTY WORKERS AND FAST FOOD WORKERS FIGHTING FOR 15 AND A

26:09

UN UNION. WE BELIEVE THERE IS A CLEAR LINK BETWEEN STRONG UNIONS AND VIBRANT DEMOCRACIES.

26:16

UNIONS EQUALIZE POWER IN POLITICS AND THE ECONOMY. AND THEY ARE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TOOLS TO FIGHT

26:24

FASCISM, AUTHORITARIAN AND PLUTOCRACY. UNIONS WERE ESSENTIAL TO

26:30

FIGHTING FASCIST POWER IN EUROPE, AND WEAKENING APARTHEID'S GRIP IN SOUTH A

26:39

AFRICA, AND RE-ESTABLISHING DEMOCRACY IN BRAZIL. THIS IS KEY TO HOLDING WEALTHY

26:46

AND CORPORATION ACCOUNTABLE. UNIONS HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CHALLENGING THE CONCENTRATION OF WEALTH IN

26:52

AMERICA. FIGHTING TO GIVE WORKING PEOPLE OF ALL RACES A FAIR SHOT AT A

27:00

DECENT LIFE. UNIONS ARE A SOURCE OF SIGNIFICANT POWER OF WORKERS,

27:05

BUT RECENT RELATED CRISES THREATEN OUR DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRACIES AROUND THE WORLD.

27:11

SOARING INEQUALITY, WIDESPREAD POVERTY, DISCRIMINATION AND

27:17

RACIAL INJUSTICE, AND THE LOOMING THREAT OF CLIMATE CHANGE. THE RAVAGES OF THE COVID-19

27:24

PANDEMIC HAVE INTENSIFIED THESE PROBLEMS AT A TIME WHEN MANY WORKING PEOPLE IN THE U.S. HAVE

27:30

NOT YET FULLY RECOVERED FROM THE 2008 RECESSION. UNCHECKED CORPORATE POWER, AND

27:38

CONTINUED SYSTEMIC RACISM THREATEN WORKING PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO JOIN TOGETHER FOR THE

27:44

POWER TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES. THESE PROBLEMS ARE EXACERBATED

27:50

BY THE RISE OF AUTOCRATIC POLITICS WHEREBY ELECTIONS AND

27:55

THE PRETENSE OF DEMOCRACY IS TO BE MAINTAIN AND THE POWERS IS TO

28:03

UNDERMINE EVERY NORM THAT GIVES DEMOCRACY MEANING. PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS REMAIN

28:09

CAPABLE OF HOLDING THE POWER OF CONCENTRATED WEALTH IN CHECK. BUILDING STRONG UNIONS
IS ONE OF

28:15

THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURES THAT WE CAN UNDERTAKE TO INCREASE VOTER PARTICIPATION.

28:22

INSTITUTES LIKE UNIONS ALLOW PEOPLE TO PRACTICE DEMOCRACY AND

28:27

PROVIDE A CHECK ON CORPORATE POWER. THERE IS A STRONG ARGUMENT THAT

28:32

GIVING ORDINARY AMERICANS A SAY OF HOW THEIR WORKPLACES ARE

28:37

GOVERNED IS JUST AS FUNDAMENTAL TO DEMOCRACY AS GIVING WORKING PEOPLE ACCESS TO THE
BALLOT.

28:44

I LIKE TO POINT TO THE MEMBER LEADER REVEREND HARRIAT BRADLEY,

28:50

A HOME HEALTH CARE WORKER IN ATLANTA FOR SEVEN YEARS AND HER

28:56

INVESTMENTS IN HEALTH CARE. HER MOBILIZATION OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN 2020 HELPED TO

29:03

CONTRIBUTE TO THE ELECTION, AND THE 2021 SENATE RUNOFF. SHE CONTINUES TO LEAD THE FIGHT

29:09

TO IMPROVE HER 12 AN HOUR WAGE, AND EXPAND BENEFITS FOR HOME

29:15

CARE WORKERS AND ELDERS AND THOSE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. WE SEE A REVISED INTEREST IN

29:24

ORGANIZING THE TRADE UNIONS ALL AROUND THE GLOBE. THERE IS A CERTAINLY A REVIVAL

29:31

OF SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT FOR TRADE UNIONS COULD BRING

29:36

DEMOCRACY CHANGE. FROM MYANMAR TO ZIMBABWE, AND WE

29:44

NEED TO HAVE A REALIGNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF MORE CONCRETE SUPPORT FOR MASS-BASED

29:51

POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS. IT IS SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AND MOVEMENT THAT CAN BOTH BRING

29:58

ABOUT AND INSTITUTIONALIZE DEMOCRATIC CHANGE. AS A DEMOCRATIC AND INDEPENDENT

30:04

VOICE OF WORKERS, IT IS OBVIOUS WHY THE LABOR MOVEMENT POSES A THREAT TO LEADERS WITH AUTOMATIC

30:13

TENDENCIES. UNIONS HAVE RESOURCES, AND INTERNAL DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES,

30:19

AND ACCESS TO PEOPLE, COMMUNITIES AND PLATFORMS. UNIONS ARE A CRITICAL TOOL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST FASCISM.

30:26

PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN HAS BEEN DIRECTLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE TRADE UNIONS IN PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS,

30:34

AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AND FEDERAL LEGISLATION. THE BUILD BACK BETTER

30:39

LEGISLATION IS GOING TO BE A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE REVIVAL OF THE LABOR UNIONS IN THE UNITED

30:44

STATES BY CREATING AND IMPROVING JOBS FOR OVER 1 MILLION WOMEN OF ALL RACES WHO PROVIDE HEALTH

30:51

CARE SERVICES TO MILLIONS OF AMERICAN FAMILIES, AND WHO HAVE

30:56

BEEN EXCLUDED FROM THE LABOR LAWS FOR TOO LONG. THE BUILD BACK BETTER LAW IS

31:04

RIGOROUS STANDARDS FOR THE RULES, AND GIVING THE PEOPLE A BETTER CHANCE FOR UNIONS NO

31:11

MATTER WHERE THEY WORK. WE CAN'T STOP THERE. YESTERDAY THE NEW SECRETARY OF LABOR ANNOUNCED A NEW GLOBAL

31:18

INITIATIVE, THE MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION OF WORKER EMPOWER

31:25

WORKER RIGHTS. IT IS THE BIGGEST EVER MADE BY THE USG TO ADVANCE WORKPLACE

31:32

DEMOCRACY AND UNION RIGHTS AROUND THE GLOBE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE, AND PASS

31:39

LAWS AS EVERY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT TO EXPAND BARGAINING, AND THIS IS THE PROACT, AND THE

31:44

PUBLIC SERVICE FREEDOM TO NEGOTIATE ACT, AND ENCOURAGE THE

31:50

GOVERNMENT TO FIND MULTI NATIONAL CORPORATION LIKE AMAZON

31:55

AND McDONALD'S TO AGREE TO SET THE NATIONAL BARGAINING TABLE

32:00

FOR MILLIONS OF WORKERS IN THE U.S. WORKERS NEED THE FREEDOM TO VOTE IN FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS WHICH

32:06

IS INCREASINGLY UNDER ATTACK I

32:13

THE U.S. AND THERE HAVE BEEN ATTEMPTS TO STOP THE VOTING POWER, WHICH IS

32:19

UNDER DISCRESS LIKE IN THE UZ. IT IS HARD TO KEEP POWER IN THE

32:25

HANDS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS AND BILLIONAIRES. AT THIS MOMENT OF PROFOUND

32:30

POSSIBILITY, WE CANNOT ALLOW THE ATTACKS ON THE DEMOCRATIC NORMS TO STAND.

32:36

WORKER POWER DEPENDS UPON COLLECTIVELY BARGAINING THROUGH THE UNION AND TO FREELY VOTE TO

32:42

VOTE ON THE REPRESENTATIVES THAT PASS LAWS THAT IMPROVE THE LIVES

32:47

OF EVERY WORKER AND COMMUNITIES AND NOW IS THE TIME TO STAND UP TO AUTHORITARIANISM BY BUILDING

32:53

THE COLLECTIVE POWER OF WORKING PEOPLE AND TO STRENGTHEN OUR DEMOCRACY AND OUR ECONOMY, AND

32:59

WE MUST STRENGTHEN UNIONS. THANK YOU.

33:21

>> THANK YOU TO MARY KAY HENRY OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT,

33:26

SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, ON THAT POWERFUL MESSAGE

33:32

OF UNIONS AND WORKERS RIGHTS. I'M ENRIQUE ACEVEDO OF CBS, AND

33:41

I WILL BE MONITORING THE NEXT PANEL. FOR 60 YEARS THE WORLD HAS BEEN EXPERIENCING A DECLINING GLOBAL

33:47

FREEDOM IN DEMOCRACY. THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC MADE IT WORSE BY CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT

33:52

RIPE FOR EXPLOITATION BY GOVERNMENTS AND NON-STATE ACTORS KEEN ON CONSOLIDATING POWER.

33:58

IN MANY COUNTRIES, HISTORICAL CHECKS AND BALANCES HAVE ERODED

34:06

BECAUSE OF A NEED OF HOW DEMOCRACIES CAN ENDURE AND CARRY ON IN THE FACE OF THE CORE CHALLENGES THAT THREATEN THEM.

34:12

THE GLOBAL CONSENSUS AS WE HAVE SEEN IN THE CONVERSATIONS TODAY

34:17

ON DEMOCRATIC NORMS HAVE SEEN SIGNS OF FRAYING WITH INCREASED POLARIZATION, AND DISSOLUTION

34:23

AND THE AUTHORITARIAN ADVANCES OF WESTERN DEMOCRACIES.

34:29

HOW SERIOUS ARE THE STRAINS OF DEMOCRACIES, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT STEPS CAN BE

34:34

TAKEN TO REINVIGORATE SOCIETIES AND INSTITUTIONS? WE WILL LOOK AT THE RISE OF

34:43

STRONG STATES EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL AND THE POLARIZATION,

34:48

AND THE PANDEMIC HAS CHALLENGED THE PARTICIPATORY CHALLENGES OF

34:55

DEMOCRACIES. SO FIRST, LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO FORMALLY

35:00

INTRODUCE THE 71st SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES

35:07

ANTONY BLINKEN. HE HAS HELPED TO SHAPE U.S. POLICY TO ENSURE THAT IT PROTECTS THE U.S. INTERESTS AND

35:12

DELIVERS RESULTS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HE HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY

35:18

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA IN 2017 AND 2018, AND BEFORE THAT, AS THE OBAMA

35:25

SECURITY ADVISORY. HE WAS NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT

35:30

OBAMA, AND THEN IN JANUARY 26th IN 2021, AND ALSO THIS MORNING

35:36

BY KAMALA HARRIS THE FOLLOWING DAY. MR. SECRETARY, THANK YOU FOR

35:42

HOSTING US TODAY. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH BE WITH YOU, AND EVERYONE, AT LEAST FROM

35:50

HERE IN WASHINGTON. MAYBE THE MOST URGENT CHALLENGE

35:55

FACING THE PLANET IS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. ANY SUMMIT, AND ANY SUMMIT

36:01

ESPECIALLY FOR DEMOCRACY HAS TO FACE THE CHALLENGE. DEMOCRACIES AT THEIR BEST ARE

36:07

RESILIENT AND COMPLICATED AND CAPABLE OF OVERCOMING CHALLENGES, AND ADAPTING

36:13

QUICKLY, AND MOST OF ALL DEEPLY COMMITTED TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS,

36:20

ESPECIALLY IN PEOPLE'S NEEDS. IT CALLS TO SHOW ALL OF THOSE

36:27

QUALITIES AND MORE. THAT IS WHY I BELIEVE IT IS UNIQUELY SUITED TO LEAD THIS

36:32

FIGHT. STOPPING COVID REQUIRED TRANSPARENCY AND DATA AND BEING

36:39

FORTHRIGHT WITH CITIZENS AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF USING RESOURCES RESPONSIBLY, AND
ACKNOWLEDGES MISTAKES, AND

36:45

STEPPING FORWARD TO TAKE ON THE HARD WORK RATHER THAN PASSING

36:50

THE BUCK. IT REQUIRES INCLUSIVITY TO DEVELOPING STRATEGIES TO HELP

36:56

ALL INCOMES REGARDLESS OF THE ETHNICITY, GENDER, SEXUAL

37:02

ORIENTATION, BECAUSE WE WON'T STOP THE PANDEMIC, TILL EVERYONE IS PROTECTED.

37:07

MORE BROADLY, FIGHTING COVID REQUIRES THE FREE EXCHANGE OF

37:13

IDEAS AND SOLUTIONS. CITIZENS ALL WORKING TOGETHER

37:19

ACROSS THE ENTIRE PANDEMIC RESPONSE. CONTACT TRACINGS, AND PUBLIC HEALTH CAMPAIGNS AND
VACCINE

37:25

DISTRIBUTIONS ARE VITAL TOOLS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID, AND THEY ALSO HAPPEN TO BE CORE

37:31

DEMOCRATIC VALUES, AND WE NEED TO STAY COMMITTED TO THEM IN THE

37:36

MONTH AHEAD AS WE ARE PRESSING

37:42

HARD TO PUT THIS PANDEMIC TO AN END. IT IS GOING TO TAKE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION.

37:47

WE SET THE GOAL OF VACCINATION OF 70% OF THE WORLD BY NEXT SEPTEMBER WITH QUALITY AND SAFE

37:55

VACCINES. TO DO THIS, THE COUNTRIES MUST STEP UP THE EFFORTS TO BOOST

38:01

PRODUCTION, AND TO INCREASE THE VACCINE DONATION, AND TO HELP

38:06

SOLVE THE LAST MILE CHALLENGES TO TURN THE VACCINES INTO

38:11

VACCINATIONS. >> FOR EXAMPLE, MILLIONS OF VACCINES SAFELY, AND HELPING

38:21

THEM PLAN 50, AND TODAY, WE HAVE

38:32

DONATED VACCINES TO 150 COUNTRIES TO ENSURE THEIR EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.

38:39

TODAY, WE ARE ON TRACK TO DONATING 150 BILLION DOSES BY NEXT FALL.

38:44

WE ARE INCREASING THE MANUFACTURING AT HOME SO WE CAN SIGNIFICANTLY BOOST VACCINATION

38:51

NEEDS OF THE WORLD BOTH NOW AND IN THE FACE OF COVID-19, AND IN THE PREPARATION OF FUTURE

38:56

PANDEMICS, AND SUPPORTING THE COUNTRIES, AS THEY ARE INCREASING THEIR OWN VACCINE

39:03

MANUFACTURING, BECAUSE LOCAL MANUFACTURING IS MAKING IT EASIER TO ADMINISTER VACCINES

39:08

AND THAT SAVES LIVES. THE GOAL ACROSS ALL OF THE EFFORTS IS TO END THE PANDEMIC,

39:14

AND PUT THE WORLD ON A STRONGER FOOTING FOR THE NEXT ONE. WE HAVE LEARNED HOW WE NEED TO

39:22

PREVENT, DETECT AND RESPOND TO FUTURE HEALTH EMERGENCIES MORE

39:28

EFFECTIVELY. AGAIN, WE NEED DEMOCRACIES TO

39:36

LEAD, BECAUSE WE HAVE SEEN

39:41

DEMOCRACIES PLACE SEVERE LIMITATION ON PEOPLE'S FREEDOM, AND PREVENT THEM FROM

39:47

PARTICIPATING AND POSTPONING ELECTION, AND TAKING CONTROL OF

39:53

THE PANDEMIC TO PREVENT DEMOCRACY BY ANY MEANS

39:59

NECESSARY, AND TO PREVENT

40:07

DEMOCRACY BY THE VIRUS, AND WE HAVE SEEN SENSITIVE GROUPS

40:12

THREATENED, SILENCE AND IMPRISONED, BECAUSE OF THE VIRUS. WE HAVE SEEN CORRUPTION WITH

40:20

PROCUREMENT FRAUDS, AND MISSING PRODUCTS AND DIVERSION OF FUNDS

40:25

THAT WERE MEANT TO SAVE LIVES. THE DEMOCRACIES HAVE TO STAND TOGETHER AGAINST THESE DANGEROUS

40:31

TRENDS, BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, NO ONE WILL. TO THAT END, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE TAKING NEW STEPS ON

40:37

CORRUPTION IN PARTICULAR. WE ARE ESTABLISHING A NEW ROLE,

40:42

COORDINATOR ON ANTI-CORRUPTION ISSUES. THIS OFFICIAL IS GOING TO INTEGRATE AND ELEVATE THE FIGHT

40:47

OF CORRUPTION AGAINST ALL ASPECTS OF THE AMERICAN FOREIGN

40:53

ASSISTANCE ISSUES AND IMPLEMENT THE STRATEGIES TO FIGHT

40:58

CORRUPTION WHICH THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK. WE ARE ALSO INCREASING OUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE

41:04

ANTI-CORRUPTION CONSORTIUM TO BRING TOGETHER GROUPS TO FIGHT

41:10

MEDIA WORLDWIDE TO FIGHT CORRUPTION. TAIWAN, AND THE UNITED KINGDOM,

41:17

AND OTHERS HAVE STEPPED FORWARD WITH SUPPORT, TOO. WE ARE CALLING FOR MANY OF YOU

41:22

TO JOIN US. WE ARE TO PROVIDE \$10 MILLION

41:30

NEW FUNDING SO THAT THE C CONSORTIUM CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE.

41:36

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PARTNERS WORLDWIDE TO HELP US. WHEN IT COMES TO COVID-19,

41:43

FIGHTING CORRUPTION, AND RENEWING DEMOCRACY AND SO MUCH ELSE. THERE IS ONLY SO MUCH WE CAN DO

41:49

ALONE. WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER. IN THAT SPIRIT, I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM ALL OF THE PANELISTS TO DAINT, AND I AM

41:58

GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE HERE WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THIS

42:04

ENDEAVOR. THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. >> THANK YOU, SECRETARY BLINKEN,

42:12

FOR DISCUSSING THESE NORMS AROUND THE WORLD. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE

42:17

THE PANEL FOR GOVERNMENT AND NONGOVERNMENTAL LEADERS AND THEY WILL OFFER REMARKS ON THE

42:24

GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE IN THE WAKE OF THE PANDEMIC. HIS EXCELLENCY NANA AKUFO-ADDO,

42:35

AND WHAT CAN OTHER COUNTRIES LEARN ABOUT GHANA'S ROBUST AND

42:42

LONG-STANDING TRADITION OF ELECTIONS IS AND PEACEFUL TRANSFERS OF POWER, SIR?

42:49

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH INDEED FOR INVITING ME TO PARTICIPATE

42:54

IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT CONVERSATION. I THANK THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT

43:02

AND PRESIDENT BIDEN TO BE COMMENDED FOR BRINGING TOGETHER THIS SUMMIT, AND BRINGING TOGETHER PEOPLE OF ALL DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THE SOCIAL SPECTRUM

43:08

TO LOOK AT THIS CHALLENGE THAT

43:13

DEMOCRACIES ARE HAVING IN THE FIRST PART OF THE 21st CENTURY. CLEARLY THE COMMENT HAS BEEN

43:20

MADE OF THE PANDEMIC BEING THE SOURCE OF CHALLENGE, OF THE

43:25

CONSEQUENCES, AND WHAT HAS TO BE DONE. I AM NOT SO SURE ABOUT THE

43:33

SOURCES OF GHANA, BUT I CAN SPEAK TO WHAT WE ARE DOING IN GHANA. WE HAVE STOPPED SHORT OF

43:38

ANNOUNCING A STATE OF EMERGENCY. WE TOOK CERTAIN IMPORTANT MEASURES OF A RESTRICTIVE

43:45

NATURE. THE OBVIOUS ONE WAS TO CLOSE OU

43:56

AND STOPPED THE VIRUS FROM COMING FROM OUTSIDE, AND WE

44:01

RESTRICTED THE MOVEMENT OF

44:07

PEOPLE FROM CERTAIN PLACES, AND WE ALSO SAW PEOPLE ON TELEVISION, AND SOMETIMES WEEKLY IF NOT A NIGHTLY BASIS FOR THEM

44:16

TO EXPLAIN EVERY SINGLE STEP THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS TAKING TO KEEP THE VIRUS AT BAY.

44:22

FORTUNATELY THE PEOPLE IN GHANA UNDERSTOOD, AND THEY APPRECIATED

44:28

AND SUPPORTED THE INITIATIVES. I THINK THAT FOR ME, THAT IS THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED, AND THAT

44:35

IS THE LESSON THAT IS MOST CRITICAL THAT THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES APPRECIATED THAT

44:40

MEASURES OF RELATIVELY LY STRIT

44:47

MEASURES HAVE TO BE TAKEN FOR SELF-PRESERVATION, AND IT HAS TO BE DONE AS A WAY TO HAVE THE

44:53

GOVERNMENT TAKING POWER AND CONTROL OVER THE LIVES OF PEOPLE, BUT IT IS BEING DONE IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE LYE LIVES

45:02

PEOPLE, AND PRESERVING HEALTH AND SAFETY. THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE

45:07

GOVERNMENT IE MYSELF AS PRESIDENT AND THE EXECUTIVE

45:19

PRESIDENCY IS IMPORTANT STRATEGY TO KEEP ABREAST, AND FULLY INFORMED ABOUT EACH ONE OF THE

45:25

STEPS THAT WERE BEING TAKEN AND THE WHY THAT IS THE PEOPLE'S

45:33

CERTAIN RIGHTS AND HABITS AND PRACTICES CURTAILED AND MODIFIED

45:38

IN THE INTEREST OF THE COLLECTIVE SAFETY, WHY THEY WERE HAVING TO BE DONE, AND I THINK

45:44

THAT HAS SO FAR SUCCEEDED, AND IT HAS BEEN THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE ANY

45:50

DRASTIC DECISIONS SHUTTING DOWN THE PRESS, SHUTTING DOWN MEDIA

45:57

FOR THE PANDEMIC IN GHANA SO THAT THE RIGHTS HAVE BEEN KEPT,

46:04

AND THE RIGHTS OF ASSEMBLY, AND THE RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH, AND THE RIGHTS OF ASSOCIATION, AND

46:09

NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN ABRIDGED IN THIS PERIOD, BECAUSE OF THE ONGOING DIALOGUE OF THE

46:15

GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE HAS BEEN OF THE HEART OF THE VERY CENTER OF THE STRATEGY OF HOW WE

46:23

CAN HANDLE THE PANDEMIC, AND AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAIN THE

46:29

DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND VALUES AND THE VERY IMPORTANT

46:36

PART OF VALOR. AND IT TOOK US A LONG TIME TO ARRIVE AT THIS TIME, BECAUSE WE

46:41

HAD PERIODS OF AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENT, AND SO THAT IS WHY WE ARE IN THE FOURTH REPUBLIC,

46:49

BUT AT THIS TEND OF THE PROCESS, 30 YEARS AGO, IT WAS A COLLECTIVE DECISION ON THE PART OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE WERE GOING

46:55

TO GO DOWN THE DEMOCRATIC VALUE, AND WE ARE GOING TO KEEP ENGAGED ON THAT, AND THAT HAS, IT HAS

47:03

UNITED THE BODY POLITIC, AND A CONSENSUS FORCED ACROSS THE

47:09

PUBLIC LIFE, AND THE POLITICAL

47:15

ACTIONS OF EIGHT ELECTIONS IS, AND FIVE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS AND THREE OCCASIONS OF PEACEFUL

47:22

CHANGES OF ONE PARTY TO ANOTHER, AND ALL OF THEM TAKING PLACE WITHOUT DISTURBING THE DISTURBY

47:32

IN PLACE, AND THAT IS THE VALUE THAT WE ARE DETERMINED TO PROTECT, AND EVEN THROUGH THIS
47:38

CRISIS OF THE PANDEMIC, AND FORTUNATELY AND BY THE GRACE OF GOD, IT HAS BEEN MORE OR LESS
UNDER CONTROL.

47:43

TODAY, THE ACTIVE NUMBERS ARE WELL UNDER 1,000.

47:51

WE HAVE TESTED MILLIONS OF OUR PEOPLE, AND WE ARE HAPPILY

47:59

VACCINATING A LARGE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE, 6 TO 7 MILLION PEOPLE IN A POPULATION OF 30 MILLION,
AND

48:05

THE GOAL IS TO VACCINATE BY THE END OF THIS PERIOD 20 MILLION PEOPLE. ONE IMPORTANT
MATTER IS THAT IS

48:11

EMERGING OUT OF THIS IS THAT OUR DETERMINATION IS THAT THE FUTURE IS NO LONGER DEPENDENT
ON TO

48:19

FOREIGN SOURCES FOR VACCINES.

48:25

BECAUSE AT THE MOMENT, WE COULD NOT GET OUR HANDS ON ANY, BECAUSE WE DO NOT PRODUCE
THEM. AND SO WE MADE THE DECISION TO

48:32

ESTABLISH OUR OWN FACILITY TO PRODUCE VACCINE, AND A NATIONAL

48:41

ORGANIZATION FOR VACCINES HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO MAKE VACCINES, BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT

48:47

TO BE DEPENDENT AGAIN IN THE VERY CRITICAL AREA OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST

48:53

IMPORTANT LESSONS THAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM THE VACCINE, AND BECAUSE OF THE WAY THAT
THE

48:59

CERTAIN POWERS AND COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR

49:06

SELF-RELIANCE, AND WE HAVE BOLSTERED THE SOCIETY TO MANAGE

49:12

THINGS WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC CONTEXT THAT WE HAVE. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT.

49:18

AND I WANTED TO EMPHASIZE THE FREE THROW OF TRANSFORMATION AND

49:23

INFORMATION IS A KEY COMPONENT TO FIGHT THE VIRUS. AND NOW I WANT TO GO TO THE

49:32

MAYOR OF FREETOWN IN SIERRA LEONE YVONNE AKI SAWYER.

49:40

YOU HAVE A TREMENDOUS

49:46

RESPONSIBILITY TO THE CITY OF FREETOWN, AND CAN YOU TELL US WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO

49:52

INNOVATE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO ENSURE THAT THE CONSTITUENTS IN

49:58

THE PANDEMIC, AND HOW DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED LEADERS

50:04

IN THE GOVERNMENT CAN WORK TOGETHER MORE EFFICIENTLY. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK PRESIDENT

50:13

BIDEN FOR GIVING ME A CHANCE TO BE A PART OF THIS PANEL.

50:26

IN THE ONGOING PANDEMIC, THESE CONCEPTS ARE TENETS OF DEMOCRACY, AND IN PARTICULAR,

50:32

THE CITIZENIZATION HAS BEEN A KEY PART OF THIS. AND THE PANDEMIC HAPPENED WITHIN

50:39

OUR ONGOING CONTEXT OF ROLLING OUT A PROGRAM CALLED #FORM

50:44

FREETOWN, AND COMMUNITY CENTER APPROACH TO URBAN DEVELOPMENT, SO WE WERE ENGAGING RESIDENTS,

50:50

AND WE HAD MET WITH 15,000 AS WE WERE BUILT AND DETERMINED WHAT THE TARGETS WOULD BE OVER THE

50:56

THREE YEARS. AND THAT ACCOUNTABILITY, THAT ENGAGEMENT SERVED US WELL.

51:02

IN TERMS OF COMING IN, AND ENGAGING THE RESIDENTS WITH THE

51:07

SPECIFICS OF WHAT WAS GOING TO BE OUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PANDEMIC. KEY TO THAT WAS THE FACT THAT WE

51:15

HAVE THESE THINGS THAT

51:22

ESTABLISHED WATER AND SAFELY SOCIAL DISTANCING AND WHAT COULD BE DONE. WE CAME UP WITH INITIATIVES THAT

51:30

HAVE MADE AN IMPACT. BUT WHEN WE ARE TALKING ABOUT DEMOCRACY, WE DON'T DO IT IN A

51:35

VACUUM, AND THAT QUESTION OF THE SOCIAL CONTRACT, AND THAT TRUST WHICH IS SO CRITICAL FOR HOW

51:41

RESIDENTS WILL RESPOND, HOW CITIZENS WILL RESPOND IN A TIME OF CRISIS IS ALL IMPLANTED IN

51:47

TIMES PRIOR TO THE CRISIS. SO IN OUR CONTEXT OF TALKING

51:54

ABOUT DEMOCRACY BEING OF THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE, KEY TO THAT IS THE PEOPLE CHOOSING

52:01

THEIR GOVERNMENT. ONE OF THE DILEMMAS OR CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE HAD IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN IN THE SITUATION WHERE IN 2019 NINE

52:08

ELECTED PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE REMOVED FROM PARLIAMENT BY A COURT ORDER.

52:14

AND WE WERE REPLACED BY NOT A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, BUT BY A COURT ORDER, AND SIMILARLY, IN

52:21

THIS CURRENT TIME, WE ARE ALSO FACING A SITUATION WHICH IS CHALLENGING THAT TRUST WHERE THE

52:27

AUDITOR GENERAL WHICH IS KEY FOR FIGHTING CORRUPTION HAS BEEN

52:33

SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY. SO THERE IS A NEED TO WORK TOGETHER, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,

52:39

THERE IS A NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE DEMOCRATIC TENETS ARE HELD ON STRONGLY, AND THAT THE

52:45

RESIDENTS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE TRUST, BECAUSE IF THERE IS ONE THING THAT IS KEY TO FIGHTING

52:50

THE PANDEMIC AS WE HAVE SEEN ALL AROUND THE WORLD, IT IS HAVING

52:56

THE DEMOCRACY THAT IS ERODED OR

53:03

CHALLENGED, IT IS BUILDING THE BELIEF WHETHER IT IS TAKING THE VACCINES AND ACCEPTING THE TRUTH

53:08

OF THE VIRUS, IT IS MAKING IT HARDER. SO AS PRESIDENT BIDEN SAID EARLIER IN THE OPENING REMARKS,

53:14

DEMOCRACY IS NOT A STATE, BUT IT IS AN ACT. THE CONTINUED ACTIONS NEED TO BE LEADING US TOWARDS THE DIRECTION

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OF STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACIES. ONE LAST THING THAT I WOULD SAY IS THAT WE HAVE SEEN ON THE

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CONTINENT A REVERSAL OF GOOD GOVERNANCE AND IT IS NOT JUST

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ABOUT SIERRA LEONE, BUT ALL ABOUT AFRICA, AND IN A PLACE

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WHERE 40% ARE LIVING BELOW THE

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COASTLINE. SO WE USE IT AS A LEVER OF HOW THE DEMOCRACY IS SERVING US, BUT

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WE CANNOT FORGET THAT DEMOCRACY, AND THE LEVERS OF DEMOCRACY WILL TAKE US ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, AND

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SO WE MUST CONTINUE TO INVEST IN ACTIONS THAT STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY AT ALL LEVELS OF

54:09

GOVERNMENT. >> THANK YOU, YVONNE AKI SAWYER,

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THE MAYOR OF FREETOWN, AND TALKING ABOUT CORRUPTION, AND RULE OF LAW, AND TRUST IS A MAIN

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THEME IN YOUR PARTICIPATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH. NOW WE GO TO HER EXCELLENCY, THE

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MAYOR IN COSTA PUERTO RICA, AND

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SHE IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT RESILIENCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY, AND WHAT ACTIONS DID YOUR

54:43

LEGISLATORS TAKE IN ACTION TO THE PANDEMIC RESPONSE IN PUERTO RICO, AND HOW DID THE PARTIES IN

54:53

YOUR COUNTRY FEEL DURING THE CRISIS. >> THANK YOU, ENRIQUE, AND FIRST

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OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE UNITED STATES AND PRESIDENT BIDEN AND

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SECRETARY BLINKEN FOR THIS TIMELY SUMMIT, TO DEFEND

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DEMOCRACY AND TO SEND MY GR

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GREETINGS AND SEND MY GREETINGS TO THE PEOPLE TODAY.

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WE DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS, BUT WE DO HAVE THE COMMITMENT TO MAKE OUR DEMOCRACY BETTER.

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SO I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY TALKING ABOUT EXPERIENCE IN

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COSTA RICA, AND WHERE FROM THE ONSET OF THE PANDEMIC, CONGRESS MET WITHOUT INTERPRETS AND THE

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LINES OF COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE

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BRANCHES WERE COMPLETELY OPEN.

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IN GENERAL, THE ACTORS UNDERSTOOD THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION AND THE EPIDEMIC.

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STANDING BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NECESSARY NATURES.

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WE DID NOT HOWEVER PROVIDE A SIMPLE STAMP OF APPROVAL.

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WE PUSHED BACK AGAINST THE MEASURES THAT WE THOUGHT WERE FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE, AND THIS

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GROUP BELIEVES AND THE ONE MAN

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WITH PACKAGES OF PROCUREMENT, AND WE DID NOT ALLOW THE

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EPIDEMIC TO BRING A HALT TO THE HOUSE, BECAUSE WE CONTINUED TO WORK ON THE PROJECTS AND OF COURSE, PROJECTS FOR ECONOMIC

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GROWTH, AND IMPROVEMENTS IN GOVERNMENTS, AND ONE OF THE RECENT EXAMPLES WAS THE PROCESS

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OF THE ANNEXATION TO THE

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DEPARTMENT OF GROWTH AND STILL, THE PANDEMIC HAD EXISTING CRACKS

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IN DEMOCRATS AROUND THE WORLD FROM GROSS INEQUALITIES THAT TRANSLATED INTO POWER IMBALANCES

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AND UNFAIR DISTRIBUTION OF COST AND IN SACRIFICE TO WIDESPREAD

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CORRUPTION, TO LOW INTERPERSONAL TRUST AND TRUST INSTITUTIONS, AND TO THE LIMITED REACH OF THE

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STATE IN THE LIGHT, AND OUT

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COMES LARGE SECTIONS OF REALITY

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FOR PERSONAL SYSTEMS, AND DEEP HORIZONTAL INEQUALITIES

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INCLUDING GENDER AND RACE DISPARITIES. FOR MANY PEOPLE IN THE WORLD,

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THE PANDEMIC HAS UNDERLIED A SENSE OF STATE AND PERSONAL

57:58

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DEATHS AND REALITIES FOR THE PERSON. FOR THE LATEST REGIONAL REPORT

58:05

FROM THE U.N., 8 OF 10 LATIN AMERICAS BELIEVE THAT THEIR

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COUNTRIES AND THE GOVERNMENT IN THE INTEREST OF A FEW POWERFUL PEOPLE, AND FEW
POWERFUL GROUPS

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ARE AS DEEP AS THE REPRESENTATION RUNS. ONLY HALF SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY

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WHILE IN MANY COUNTRIES MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE RESPONDENTS

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ARE DIFFERENT IN TYPES OF THE REGIMES IN WHICH THEY LIVE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE PANDEMIC HAS

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DEEPEMED THE SENSE OF DISAPPOINTMENT REGARDING THE REAL TANGIBLE CONSEQUENCES OF

58:48

DEMOCRACY IN EVERYDAY LIFE. THESE ARE ON THE DEMAND SIDE OF

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DEMOCRACY. TO CONCLUDE ON THE SUPPLY SIDE, THE PANDEMIC HAS PROVIDED AN

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OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL OF THE AUTHORITARIAN TENDENCIES TO CREEP BACK TO THE SURFACE, SO

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THAT SUCH AS A LIMIT ON INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS,

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CONCENTRATION AND ABUSE OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS IN THE HANDS OF THE

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AND THE USE OF THE STATE INCLUDING THE SECURITY FORCES

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FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MISS SILVIA

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HERNANDEZ FROM COSTA RICA. A SHINING EXAMPLE OF DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCY IN A REGION THAT HAS

59:40

SEEN MORE THAN ITS SHARE OF DEMOCRATIC BACKSLIDING IN RECENT YEARS. NOW WE GO TO HER EXCELLENCY VIE

59:45

LETA BERMUDEZ, FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF PERU. WOMEN HAVE BEEN

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DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY THE EFFECTS OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND ESPECIALLY IN LATIN

59:56

AMERICA. HOW HAVE WOMEN IN PERU OVERCOME THIS PROFOUND CHALLENGES INCLUDING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE,

1:00:02

DISCRIMINATION, THREATS RELATED TO ADVOCACY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, LOSS OF INCOME AND DEATH AND

1:00:07

SICKNESS OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS. HOW DID GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND WOMEN'S ADVOCACY GROUPS STEP IN

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TO HELP IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME AND IN WHAT WAYS CAN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS BOLSTER

1:00:21

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN BEYOND THE PANDEMIC?

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WELCOME. >>. >> Translator: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND AND THANK PRESIDENT

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BIDEN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF THIS IMPORTANT SUMMIT.

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THE PANDEMIC AFFECTED THE LIVES OF WOMEN. ISOLATION MEASURES KEPT THEM IN

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THEIR HOMES TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND THIS MEANT BURDEN WHEN IT CAME TO CARE TAKING AND

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SOME WERE EXPOSED TO VIOLENT SITUATIONS WITHOUT EFFECTIVE PROTECTION DUE TO THE LIMITED

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REACH OF RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTIONS, ESPECIALLY DURING FIRST PHASE OF THE PANDEMIC. IN POORER AREAS, WOMEN HAVE

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ALWAYS BECOME ORGANIZED, COLLECTIVELY, TO HELP THE MOST

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VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND THEIR FAMILIES AND THEY HAVE HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THIS SUPPORT IS

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NEVER SUFFICIENT. WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS AND CIVIL SOCIETIES, SPECIFICALLY FEMINIST

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GROUPS, HAVE BEEN TRYING TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF WOMEN

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AND HELP IN THE SITUATION. WE NEED TO REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST LINES OF DEFENSE, THE

1:01:34

PRESENCE OF WOMEN HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT IN ALL OF OUR COUNTRIES, NOT JUST IN PERU. OVER 70% OF HEALTHCARE STAFF ARE

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WOMEN. BUT ONLY FEW OF THEM ARE ACTUALLY IN DECISION-MAKING

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POSITIONS. THE PANDEMIC HAS SHOWN THAT ONE OF THE MAIN PILLARS OF

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DEMOCRACY, WHICH IS EQUALITY, HAS NOT BEEN SUFFICIENTLY DEALT

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WITH, BECAUSE THERE ARE SITUATIONS OF INEQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION THAT HAVE BEEN

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DEEPENED BY THE PANDEMIC. POOR WOMEN ARE NOW POORER THAN THEY WERE AND THERE ARE MANY

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GAPS THAT HAVE BECOME SIGNIFICANTLY AND UNFORTUNATELY DEEPER.

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SO WHAT CAN WE DO TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY IN THIS CONTEXT? I THINK THAT WE MUST TAKE INTO

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CONSIDERATION THE SITUATION OF WOMEN. WE CAN'T IGNORE THE FACT THAT

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THERE WAS DISCRIMINATION AND INEQUALITY. EVEN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. AND THIS HAS BECOME MORE ACUTE

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AND THEREFORE THE ACTIONS REQUIRED -- FROM STATES NEED TO

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BE MUCH STRONGER IN ORDER TO CLOSE THE GAPS OF DISCRIMINATION

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AND EXCLUSION. FIRST, THEN, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE WEAKNESSES OF DEMOCRACY ARE NOT

1:02:53

JUST A RESULT OF THE PANDEMIC. INEQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION

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AGAINST WOMEN EXISTED BEFORE THEN. SO WE MUST FIND GLOBAL

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SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS AND WE MUST SPECIFICALLY PAY ATTENTION TO EVERYONE'S DIFFERENT REALITIES, NOT ALL WOMEN ARE IN

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THE SAME BOAT. OR IN THE SAME POSITION. WE NEED TO INVEST RESOURCES.

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WE NEED TO SUPPORT EACH OTHER, FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS AND WE

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NEED TO FIND WAYS TO CLOSE GENDER GAPS AND MARCH TOWARDS EQUALITY.

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WE MUST STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS THAT ENSURE THE RIGHT TO EQUALITY.

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AS I WAS SAYING A MINUTE AGO, THIS ISN'T JUST A WORK TO BE DONE BY GOVERNMENTS.

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CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, THE MEDIA, THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND

1:03:43

ALSO POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE HUGE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO

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FACING THIS CHALLENGE. EACH ACTOR HAS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE TO PLAY BEFORE THE

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PANDEMIC. FOR EXAMPLE IN OUR COUNTRY, WE WORKED TO THE TO FIND SOLUTIONS AND ALTOGETHER WE HAVE

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COORDINATED AMONG COUNTRIES TO FIND SOLUTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, A BETTER

1:04:07

DISTRIBUTION OF VACCINES. WE CAN TRANSLATE THIS TYPE OF

1:04:13

TEAMWORK INTO WORK TO BE DONE TO STRENGTHEN OUR DEMOCRACY WITH EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF MEN AND

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WOMEN IN EVERY ERA WHERE DECISIONS ARE MADE. WOMEN HAVE BEEN PRESENT AND WE STILL HAVE PRESENT ON THE FRONT

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LINES. BUT WE ALSO WANT TO BE PRESENT ON THE FRONT LINES WHEN IT COMES

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TO DECISION-MAKING.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU FOR REMINDING US HOW EQUALITY -- THANK YOU FOR

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REMINDING US -- THANK YOU TO OUR TRANSLATORS AS WELL. MR. DOUGLAS RUTZEN, THE

1:04:48

PRESIDENT OF INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NOT FOR PROFIT LAW. GLOBAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC REALLY

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IMPACTED CIVIC FREEDOMS, THE CIVIC FREEDOMS REPORTS ALL BUT

1:05:01

20 COUNTRIES ADOPTED EMERGENCY MEASURES TO RESPOND TO THIS PANDEMIC. WHILE SOME ARE APPROPRIATELY

1:05:07

LIMITED IN THE SCOPE, AND DURATION, LIKE WE HEARD FROM OUR PANELISTS, AND SUBJECT TO

1:05:12

APPROPRIATE OVERSIGHT, MANY OF THESE MEASURES PUT RESTRICTIONS ON FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS OF

1:05:18

EXPRESSION AND ASSOCIATION AMONG OTHERS. HOW CAN GOVERNMENTS WORK TO ADMINISTER AND EASE THE MEASURES

1:05:24

IN A WAY THAT BOLSTERS PUBLIC HEALTH WHILE ALSO PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND -- I'M ALLOWED

1:05:31

ANOTHER QUESTION, WHICH MODELS OF GOTCOMBATTING THE VIRUS WHIL

1:05:39

PROTECTING CIVIL FREEDOMS HAVE WORKED AND WHICH HAVE NOT? >> THANK YOU FOR HOSTING THIS SUMMIT AND THIS SESSION.

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I'M HONORED TO JOIN THIS DISTINGUISHED PANEL. LAST WEEKEND AMBASSADOR ASKED ME

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IF THE PANDEMIC WILL BE LIKE 9/11, A CRISIS THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACTS HUMAN RIGHTS

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FOR DECADES TO COME. AND THERE IS REASON FOR CONCERN.

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ONCE THE PANDEMIC STRUCK, GOVERNMENTS HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT THEY

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PRIORITIZE DECISIVE ACTION OVER DEMOCRATIC DELIBERATION. AND SOME MEASURES WERE WAVED

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THROUGH SO QUICKLY THAT CITIZENS AND LEGISLATURES HAD NO TIME TO READ THEM, MUCH LESS DEBATE

1:06:19

THEM. AS A RESULT, SOME RESPONSES WERE DISPROPORTIONATE, SECRETARY BLINKEN TALKED ABOUT THIS.

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OTHERS GAVE THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH FAST POWER UNDERMINING THE DEMOCRATIC CHECKS AND BALANCES.

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AND IN TOO MANY COUNTRIES, OVERBROAD MEASURES WERE USED TO SURVEIL AND THEN ARREST

1:06:36

DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS, BUILDING ON SECRETARY BLINKEN'S OPENING REMARKS, PANDEMIC RESPONSES HAVE

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BEEN USED TO LOCK UP ACTIVISTS AND LOCK DOWN DEMOCRACY. NOW, I KNOW THE PANDEMIC IS FAR

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FROM OVER. BUT COVID FIRST STRUCK TWO YEARS AGO. AND WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL ABOUT

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CONDITIONING OURSELVES TO A STATE OF PERPETUAL EMERGENCY.

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AS DOCUMENTED, EMERGENCY MEASURES CAN SEEP INTO THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND HARM HUMAN RIGHTS.

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AND THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHEN A THREAT DOESN'T HAVE A NATURAL ENDING. THINK OF TERRORISM OR PANDEMICS.

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USING A MEDICAL METAPHOR, EMERGENCY POWERS ARE LIKE FEVERS THAT STRIKE THE BODY POLITIC.

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THEY INITIALLY PROVIDE PROTECTION. BUT IF THEY'RE TOO SEVERE, OR THEY LAST TOO LONG, THEY CAUSE

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GREAT DAMAGE. SO ENRIQUE, YOU ASKED, HOW DO WE ENSURE DEMOCRATIC HEALTH WHILE

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RESPONDING TO A CRISIS. THREE Ps. ONE, PREVENTION. LET'S PREVENT FURTHER HARM TO

1:07:39

HUMAN RIGHTS. DURING A YEAR OF ACTION, GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENGAGE WITH LEGISLATURES, CIVIL SOCIETY,

1:07:46

PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS AND OTHERS TO REVIEW PANDEMIC RESPONSES AND THE OVERALL FRAMEWORK FOR

1:07:51

EMERGENCY POWERS. TWO, PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES. THERE ARE PLANS FOR A PANDEMIC

1:07:58

TREATY. A GLOBAL HEALTH THREATS COUNCIL AND EVEN A \$10 BILLION FINANCING

1:08:03

MECHANISM. WE NEED TO EMBED HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE

1:08:09

INTERNATIONAL ARCHITECTURE FOR PANDEMIC RESPONSE. THREE, PREPAREDNESS.

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DURING THE PANDEMIC, NEARLY THREE DOZEN PARLIAMENTS SUSPENDED SESSIONS, OVER 75

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DEMOCRACIES LIMITED COURT OPERATIONS. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANS FOR

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DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. SO THREE Ps, PREVENT HARM, PROMOTE DEMOCRATIC VALUES, AND PREPARE FOR THE NEXT EMERGENCY.

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AND HOW DO WE ADVANCE THIS WORK DURING THE YEAR OF ACTION? I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WILL BE DEMOCRACY COHORTS ON SPECIFIC

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ISSUES INCLUDING IMPORTANTLY CIVIC SPACE. LET'S USE THIS COHORT TO SHARE

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AND SCALE GOOD PRACTICE, AND INCLUDING FROM THE DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THIS PANEL. IN CLOSING, THE AMBASSADOR

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RAISED AN INTERESTING QUESTION WHETHER THE PANDEMIC IS THIS GENERATION'S 9/11.

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ARE WE USHERING IN A NEW ERA OF SURVEILLANCE, OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS, OF THE COMPRESSION

1:09:05

OF CIVIC SPACE? BUT AS WE HEARD FROM OTHER PANELISTS, WE HAVE THE POWER TO

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SAFEGUARD PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN RIGHTS. LET'S LEARN FROM HISTORY, LET'S CREATE OUR OWN LEGACY AND LET'S

1:09:17

BUILD BACK BETTER. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, THANK YOU, MR. DOUGLAS RUTZEN. I'LL STAY WITH THE THREE Ps,

1:09:23

PREVENTION, PROMOTION OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND PREPAREDNESS. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PANEL DISCUSSION.

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I WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR PANELISTS. THE PRESIDENT OF GHANA, THE

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MAYOR OF FREETOWN IS HERE, THANK

1:09:44

YOU FOR JOINING US. MR. SECRETARY, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE NEED FOR A ROBUST REFLECTION -- ROBUST

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CONVERSATION ON DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE BEFORE WE STARTED OUR PANEL. I THINK WE LEARNED A LOT FROM THIS EXPERIENCES.

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>> YEAH, I THINK WE DID. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE --

1:10:01

NOT JUST THE INTERVENTIONS THAT OUR PANELISTS MADE, BUT THE THOUGHT THAT WENT INTO THEM,

1:10:08

DRIVEN FROM EXPERIENCE AND AS WE CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH THE PANDEMIC, TRYING TO DRAW SOME

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LESSONS FROM WHAT WE ALREADY LEARNED. AND FIGURING OUT HOW TO IMPLEMENT THEM GOING FORWARD.

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SO I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR TAKING PART IN THIS CONVERSATION THIS MORNING.

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I THINK THE DISCUSSION HAS DRIVEN HOME HOW VITAL IT IS THAT AS WE FIGHT COVID-19, WE ALSO

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DEFEND DEMOCRATIC VALUES. IN ORDER TO FIGHT COVID-19, WE MUST DEFEND THESE VALUES BECAUSE

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THEY'LL MAKE THE DIFFERENCE, THEY'LL HELP US PREVENT CORRUPTION FROM DRAINING RESOURCES THAT SHOULD GO TO THIS

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FIGHT, DETER REPRESSIVE LEADERS FROM LEADING THE PANDEMIC AS AN EXCUSE TO CRACK DOWN ON POLITICAL OPPONENTS AND DENY

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PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTS. MAKE SURE THERE IS TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY SO THAT WE HAVE THE DATA WE NEED TO PROTECT

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OUR CITIZENS, AND THE CAPACITY TO FIX MISTAKES WHEN THEY OCCUR.

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SO PLAYING OFF THIS DISCUSSION, I WOULD URGE ALL OF US TO RECOMMIT TO THESE VALUES AND CARRY THEM FORWARD AS WE KEEP

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PUSHING TO END THE PANDEMIC AND SET OURSELVES UP BETTER FOR THE NEXT TIME.

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THIS IS ACTUALLY HOW WE'RE GOING TO SAVE LIVES. IT IS HOW WE'LL PROVE TO CITIZENS THAT WE CAN DELIVER FOR

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THEM ON THE CHALLENGES THAT ACTUALLY HAVE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES, ON THEIR FUTURES.

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AND ULTIMATELY IT IS HOW WE'LL STRENGTHEN OUR GLOBAL HEALTH SECURITY AFTER THE PANDEMIC HAS ENDED, SO WE DON'T JUST BUILD

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BACK, BUT, YES, WE BUILD BACK BETTER. SO AGAIN, I APPRECIATE EACH AND

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EVERY ONE OF YOU TAKING PART. THANKS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT THANK YOU FOR YOUR CANDOR. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP.

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GOOD TO BE WITH YOU.

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>> Translator: -- FOR RECOGNIZING THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA, WHERE WE CONTINUE TO

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RESIST THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM.

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WE'RE SEEING THE GREATEST MIGRATION CRISIS, WHERE OVER 6 MILLION VENEZUELAN'S HAVE BEEN

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DISPLACED. THIS HAPPENS BECAUSE VENEZUELA SAW AN UNDERMINING OF THE

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DEMOCRACY AND THE DEMOCRACY IS THE ONLY WAY TO FIGHT BACK AGAINST AN AUTHORITARIAN
REGIME

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THAT IS ATTEMPTING THE LIVES OF OUR CITIZENS, 56% OF OUR POPULATION IS NOW LIVING IN

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EXTREME POVERTY, WHICH IS THE

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END OF A RULE OF LAW AND WHERE WE SEE FIRST REGIME IN LATIN

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AMERICA THAT IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COURT. THERE IS A HUGE INFLUENCE OF

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DRUG TRAFFICKING TO TOTALITARIAN GROUPS THAT HAVE BENEFITED FROM

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THE SUPPORT OF AN AUTHORITARIAN REGIME AND EXCHANGE FOR FAVORS. AND WE ARE CONVINCED, HOWEVER,

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THAT WE CAN SAVE DEMOCRACY AND WITH THIS WE CAN SAVE VENEZUELA.

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SOME THINGS THAT THE BAD GUYS ARE WINNING, BUT, NO, WHEN WE SEE EVERYONE JOINED HERE TODAY,

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WITH EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY, THE VOICES ARE BEING

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HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR. DEMOCRACY CAN HAPPEN. WE HAVE TO GO BEYOND TALKING.

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WE HAVE TO BRING THE -- FIRST TO BUILD UNIFIED FRONT WITH

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MULTILATERAL FOCUS. THEN MAKE THE REGIME ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR CRIMES TO CREATE

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MECHANISMS TO PROTECT DEMOCRATIC FORCES AND ACTIVISTS OF HUMAN

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RIGHTS THAT ARE FIGHTING ON THE GROUND AND ARE VICTIMS OF

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PERSECUTION. TO INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY TO BUILD THE LASTING PEACE AND ESPECIALLY IN VENEZUELA IT IS

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NECESSARY IT TO COMMIT TO POLITICAL EXCLUSIVE SOLUTIONS AND NEGOTIATE SOLUTIONS THAT

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LEAD TO THE GOOD OF ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY. LAST TO SUPPORT THE STATES THAT

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RECEIVE REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS. THIS IS NECESSARY -- FOR THIS IT

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IS NECESSARY TO HAVE A STRATEGIC VISION AND BACKING OF THE

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RESISTIVE MOVEMENTS IN COUNTRIES WITH AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES THAT

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DEFEND DEMOCRACY. WE ARE IN A BATTLE AS THE INTERIM PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA,

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T INSTITUTIONALITY OF MY COUNTRY, IT IS NOT A WAR, BUT A BATTLE, A SPRINT THAT WE WILL HOPE

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DEMOCRACY. WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER, WE CAN SAVE DEMOCRACY.

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>>> DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE.

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IT IS BEING UNDERMINED BY NONDEMOCRATIC PRACTICES.

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AND DEMAGOGUES TRYING TO DIVIDE US. >> PEOPLE ARE LOSING OUT.

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THERE IS A SENSE THAT ALTERNATIVE MODELS, AUTHORITARIAN MODELS ARE A

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VIALE OPTION. >> WE'RE IN A WAR RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE A FEW PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY WANT TO WEAPONIZE

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INFORMATION IN A WAY THAT ACTUALLY DISCOURAGES PEOPLE, THAT CREATES AND GENERATES FEAR. >> WE SAW WHAT SOCIAL MEDIA DID

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TO PUBLIC DISCOURSE. IT DISAPPEARED. EVERYTHING POLARIZED. THAT IS VERY, VERY DANGEROUS. >> WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

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DEMOCRACY. WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT THE PROCESS OF DEMOCRACY. WE'RE LITERALLY TALKING ABOUT A

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VALUE THAT SAYS THAT ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEIR VOICES MATTER.

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>> IT IS ABOUT JUSTICE, ABOUT FAIRNESS. >> IT IS ABOUT PEOPLE HAVING AGENCY OVER DECISIONS MADE ABOUT

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THEIR LIVES. >> TO CHOOSE THEIR GOVERNMENT AND TO HAVE GOVERNMENTS THEY FEEL ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THEM.

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>> DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT. IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE, THEN THERE IS NO DEMOCRACY.

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>> AND THIS IS THAT OPPORTUNITY AND I'M SEEING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AROUND RURAL, LIVING

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THOSE VALUES AS THEY TRY TO HEAL AND MOVE THEIR COMMUNITIES OUT OF THESE CRISES. >> IT IS A PREREQUISITE FOR US

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AS ACTIVISTS TO REALLY DRAMATICALLY REACH OUT FROM OUR OWN BUBBLE AND TRY TO FIND

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ALLIES OR EVEN UNLIKELY ALLIES.

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>> WE START IN OUR FAMILIES, IN OUR SCHOOLS, IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

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IT IS LESS ABOUT CONVINCING PEOPLE, IT IS MORE ABOUT MAKING THE SPACE THAT ALLOWS EVERYONE

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TO PARTICIPATE. >> WHEN WE'RE TRAVELING AROUND

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COMMUNITIES, WE'RE CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE ON A HUMAN TO HUMAN LEVEL TO SAY I SEE YOU.

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I SEE YOU. I SEE YOUR COMMUNITY. AND YOUR COMMUNITY MATTERS. >> THE IDEA WAS TO LOWER THE

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BARRIERS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC CONVERSATION. AND IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER WHO

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HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS. IT IS VERY MUCH ABOUT STRUCTURING CONVERSATIONS AROUND THE COMMITMENT TO A COMMON

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SEARCH FOR TRUTH, A COMMON SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS.

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>> ALL ACTION DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ABOUT CHALLENGING AN AUTHORITY.

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IT CAN BE ABOUT WHAT IS POSSIBLE. KEEP READING AND CAN CONNECTING

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WITH OTHER PEOPLE, AND THAT'S HOW YOU KEEP THE LIGHT ON. LET'S DO THAT.

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>> THE DEMOCRATIC CHALLENGE IS HOW DO WE REBUILD CONSENSUS. HOW DO WE CREATE CONDITIONS FOR

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PEOPLE TO HEAL TOGETHER? >> TO ACTUALLY RADICALLY

1:36:58

REIMAGINE A SYSTEM WE HAVE AND THINK ABOUT HOW DO WE MAKE IT STRONGER, HOW DO WE MAKE IT MORE

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EQUITABLE. >> TO HAVE OUR SHARE OF JOY AND

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BEAUTY. >> TO PEOPLE THAT HAVE FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES, IT IS THE BEST WAY TO PROTECT THEIR FREEDOMS AND

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PROTECT THEIR FUTURES. >> WITH THE HUMILITY THAT WE'RE NOT THE ONES WITH THE ANSWERS, NOT ALL THE TIME.

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>> THE FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY HAS BEEN A LONG ONE. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN TORTURED.

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BUT THE SEEDS THAT WERE PLANTED, THEY WILL REMAIN AND THEY WILL GROW. >> DEMOCRACY DOESN'T HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT.

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WE HAVE TO DEFEND IT. FIGHT FOR IF. STRENGTHEN IT. RENEW IT.

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>> GOOD DAY AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S SESSION ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING CORRUPTION.

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ONE OF THE MAJOR THEMES OF THIS WEEK'S SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. TODAY'S SESSION COINCIDES WITH

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INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY. AND OUR SPEAKERS WILL HIGHLIGHT HOW CORRUPTION ERODES DEMOCRACY.

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DISTORTS MARKETS, DESTABILIZES SOCIETIES AND ULTIMATELY UNDERMINES FAITH IN POPULAR

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GOVERNANCE. AS AUTHORITARIANISM RISES AROUND THE WORLD, IT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT FOR STAKE HOLDERS

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AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE CAN ACT COLLECTIVELY TO COUNTER THE

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CORROSIVE EFFECTS OF CORRUPTION. OUR PANEL TODAY WILL FEATURE THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION ON HOW WE

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CAN PROMOTE ROBUST CIVIL SOCIETIES AND A FREE PRESS, TO

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ENHANCE GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. WITH THE GOAL, OF COURSE, OF IMPROVING PEOPLE'S LIVES IN ALL

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OF OUR COUNTRIES. WE BEGIN TODAY'S SESSION WITH PRESIDENT MAIA SANDU OF THE

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REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA. SHE PLEDGED TO END A LONG-STANDING RAIN OF CORRUPT

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POLITICIANS AND OLIGARCHS. SHE LEADS THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IN MOLDOVA AND MOST RECENTLY LAUNCHING A SIX-MEMBER

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ANTI-CORRUPTION INDEPENDENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE AND PREVENT FUTURE CORRUPTION IN HER COUNTRY.

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WELCOME, PRESIDENT SANDU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR REMARKS.

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>> THANK YOU. DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO ADDRESS THIS HIGH LEVEL ON

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INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF MY COUNTRY, THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA.

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DESPITE SETBACKS WE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST, MOLDOVA'S CITIZENS CONTINUE TO

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BELIEVE IN FUNDAMENTAL JUSTICE. THEY HAVE ONCE AGAIN RALLIED

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TOGETHER TO DEMAND FROM POLITICIANS AN END TO THE

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PERVASIVE -- THAT HAS HINDERED OUR YOUNG DEMOCRACY. MOLDOVANS HAVE ALWAYS STRUGGLED

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FOR DEMOCRACY.

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YET THROUGHOUT, SINCE OUR COUNTRY GAINED ITS CHERISHED

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INDEPENDENCE, CORRUPTION HAS BEEN ONE OF THE KEY IMPEDIMENTS THAT PREVENTED MOLDOVA FROM

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DEVELOPING THE FULL POTENTIAL OF ITS HARD WORKING PEOPLE. CORRUPTION IS THE REASON WE FAIL

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TO CREATE A FUNCTIONAL STATE WITH EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR

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ALL. EXPLOITING THE WEAKNESSES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS, CORRUPT

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GROUPS STALL FROM PEOPLE, USE DIRTY MONEY TO BUY POLITICAL PARTIES, AND ABUSED MEDIA

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NETWORKS TO MANIPULATE PUBLIC OPINION AND CLING TO POWER. WHILE IN OFFICE, THEY USED

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GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS TO BUILD -- TO BUILD UP MORE ILLEGAL WORKS.

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THE MORE THEY ACHIEVED, THE MORE MOLDOVA CARED.

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CORRUPT GOVERNMENTS HAVE LAUNCHED MOLDOVA INTO POVERTY.

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IMPUNITY AND JUSTICE BECAME WIDESPREAD. A FEW POWERFUL INDIVIDUALS

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MONOPOLIZED ECONOMIC FLOWS, DISCOURAGING INVESTMENTS, AND

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ERODING OPPORTUNITIES. FINANCIAL CRIMES BECAME THE NORM.

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BANKING SECTOR FRAUD AMOUNTING TO 12% OF GDP, AND \$22 BILLION

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LAUNDERED THROUGH THE COUNTRY ARE INDICATORS OF THE MAGNITUDE

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OF CORRUPTION WE FACED IN THE LAST DECADE ALONE. THIS HAD SEVERE CONSEQUENCES FOR

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OUR ECONOMY, OUR STATEHOOD, OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. BUT THINGS CAN BE VERY

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DIFFERENT. THE CITIZENS OF MOLDOVA HAVE MADE THEIR EXPECTATIONS VERY

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CLEAR. WE MUST BREAK THE VICIOUS CYCLE OF CORRUPTION AND STATE CULTURE,

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WHICH HAS HELD MOLDOVA BACK FOR SO LONG. THIS GOAL HAS UNITED MOLDOVANS

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REGARDLESS OF THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN OR THE LANGUAGE THEY

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SPEAK. PEOPLE WANT A CLEANER PUBLIC SERVICE. WHICH WOULD BE WORTHY OF

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RESPECT, STRENGTHEN SOCIAL COHESION AND MAKE THE STATE MORE

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FUNCTIONAL. OUR FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION INCLUDES SPECIFIC MEASURES.

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ELIMINATING CORRUPT PEOPLE FROM THE JUSTICE SYSTEM INCLUDING

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THROUGH AN EXTRAORDINARY EXTERNAL EVALUATION OF JUDGES AND PERSECUTORS. BUILDING
STRONG ANTI-CORRUPTION

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INSTITUTIONS, TRACING AND RECOVERING STOLEN MONEY, PROMOTING FISCAL TRANSPARENCY

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AND ACCOUNTABILITY. AND ENDING ILLEGAL FINANCING OF POLITICAL PARTIES.

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THESE ARE NOT SIMPLE TASKS. THESE ARE TOUGH, SERIOUS, SYSTEMIC AND DIVERSE WHICH MUST

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BE WAGED RELENTLESSLY ACROSS THE BOARD.

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WE ARE MEETING FIERCE RESISTANCE FROM THOSE WHO STILL BENEFIT FROM THE OLD SYSTEM.

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BUT THE PEOPLE DID NOT ASK US TO BE NICE. THEY ASKED US TO MAKE SURE THAT

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EVERYONE FOLLOWS THE RULES. AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO

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THIS. IN GOOD FAITH, FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL CITIZENS, FOR THE COMMON

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GOOD. THIS TAKES KNS ME TO MY FINAL

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MESSAGE. CORRUPTION HAS TO BE TACKLED FROM BOTH ENDS. BOTH WHERE MONEY IS STOLEN FROM

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AND WHERE MONEY IS MOVED TO. WITHOUT TARGETED HELP FROM CONSOLIDATED DEMOCRACIES,
WE

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WILL NOT SUCCEED. CORRUPT OFFICIALS WHERE THEY ARE

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ILL GOTTEN GAINS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SETTLE AND LEAD COMFORTABLE LIVES IN WESTERN

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DEMOCRACIES AFTER VITAL RESOURCES FROM THEIR HOME COUNTRIES.

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THE \$1 BILLION FROM THE BANKING FRONT AND THE \$22 BILLION

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LAUNDERED THROUGH MOLDOVA THROUGH THE ACCOUNTS OF ENTITIES

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IN 60 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. WE NEED MORE CROSS NATIONAL

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INVESTIGATIONS AGAINST CASES OF LARGE SCALE CORRUPTION. WE NEED TIGHTER ENFORCEMENT OF

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INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS AGAINST MONEY LAUNDERING BY ESTABLISHED DEMOCRACIES.

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ASSETS SHOULD BE MORE EASILY RETURNED TO THE PEOPLE FROM WHOM THEY WERE STOLEN.

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THEY SHOULD IMPROVE PEOPLE'S LIVES AND NOT BE ENJOYED BY FUGITIVE CRIMINALS.

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I KNOW THAT WHAT I AM ASKING FOR IS NOT -- IT INVOLVES

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DELICATE -- BUT TO SEE THE SUCCESS OF DEMOCRACY IN THE 21st

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CENTURY, MEANINGFULLY ENFORCING THIS LOSS AND REGULATIONS IS A VERY SMALL PRICE TO PAY.

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MY STATE, THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA, IS MOVING FORWARD. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE

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DETERMINED TO GO AFTER CORRUPT POLITICIANS WHO HAVE PLUNDERED

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OUR PEOPLE IN THE PAST. BUT WE CANNOT DO IT ALONE. ON BEHALF OF MANY FRAGILE

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DEMOCRACIES, I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN BRINGING CORRUPT

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OFFICIALS TO JUSTICE AND RETURNING THE ASSETS THAT DO NOT BELONG TO THEM.

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THEY MUST KNOW THAT THE JUSTICE

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WILL FIND THEM NO MATTER WHERE THEY FLEE OR NO MATTER HOW

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INVENTIVE THEY ARE IN STARK THEIR ILL GOTTEN GAINS. WE CAN GO A LONG WAY TO BRING BACK
THOSE MUCH NEEDED

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RESOURCES. OTHERWISE, OUR WILL TO FIGHT

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CORRUPTION IS NOT ENOUGH. THIS MUST BE A GLOBAL EFFORT AS

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WE ALL SHARE THE VIEW THAT CORRUPTION IS THE ONE THING THAT CAN UNDERMINE DEMOCRACY

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REGARDLESS OF WHERE WE LIVE. IT UNDERMINES INSTITUTIONS,

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WEAKENS STATES AND DISILLUSIONS DEMOCRATIC CITIZENS WHICH PLACE INTO THE HAND OF
AUTHORITARIAN

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LEADERS AND CROSS BORDER CRIMINAL GROUPS. WE SHOULD CONDUCT OUR SHARE

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COLLECTIVELY TO UPHOLD AND FULFILL THE PROMISES OF DEMOCRACY FOR OUR PEOPLE.

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DEVELOPMENT, FREEDOM, ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES, AND EQUAL

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TREATMENT OF EVERYONE BEFORE THE LAW. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, PRESIDENT SANDU,

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FOR LAUNCHING THIS DISCUSSION WITH SUCH A SPECIFIC CALL AND A ROAD MAP FOR WHAT THE WORLD

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NEEDS TO DO COLLECTIVELY. THANKS TO YOU. NOW TO DR. MO IBRAHIM, CHAIR OF

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THE MO IBRAHIM FOUNDATION, DELIVERING REPORTS OF GOVERNMENT

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PERFORMANCES AND REWARDING AFRICAN LEADERS WHO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACY. THE RECIPIENT OF THE CLINTON

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GLOBAL CITIZEN AWARD, THE EISENHOWER MEDAL AND FOR DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE AND MANY HONORARY

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DEGREES FROM MAJOR UNIVERSITIES. HIS MOST RECENT EFFORTS ADVANCED AFRICA'S PANDEMIC RECOVERY.

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DR. IBRAHIM, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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LET ME START TO PRESIDENT BIDEN

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FOR CONVENING THIS SUMMIT.

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TODAY IS THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION DAY.

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IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND ALSO CORRUPTION, BECAUSE

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CORRUPTION REALLY UNDERMINES DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND RULE

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OF LAW. IT DISTORTS MARKETS. IT SLOWS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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HEIGHTENS CONFLICTS AND STABILITY. IT CONTRIBUTES TO ENVIRONMENTAL

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DESTRUCTION AND ERODES TRUST BETWEEN THE CITIZENS AND GOVERNMENTS. IN AFRICA, MY CONTINENT, ILLICIT

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FINANCIAL FLOWS OUT OF AFRICA ARE REALLY STAGGERING. IT IS AVERAGING OVER \$107

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BILLION ANNUALLY, EVERY YEAR. THAT'S AVERAGE. OVER \$100 BILLION A YEAR.

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THIS IS MUCH MORE THAN THE SUM OF ALL FOREIGN AID COMING TO

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AFRICA AND -- THE TSUNAMI OF

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MONEY LEAVING AFRICA. WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR AFRICA? IT MEANS THAT 600 MILLION PEOPLE

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ARE -- THESE LACK OF RESOURCES TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND EDUCATION,

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MAYBE A LITTLE BIT MORE MONEY TO BUY SOME VACCINES IF IT IS

1:49:38

POSSIBLE. OTHER PEOPLE ARE HOARDING VACCINE, EVEN WITH MONEY WHO CANNOT BUY IT, BUT IT ALSO MEANS

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MORE INEQUALITY AND INSTABILITY. THIS IS THE COST OF CORRUPTION.

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IT IS A REAL COST FOR PEOPLE'S LIVES AND WAY OF LIVING.

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NOW, DESPITE THE WORK OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE FINANCIAL

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ACTION TASK FORCE, RED FLAGS

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FROM THE BANK, FROM THE IMF, TEE

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SPIT DESPITE THE WORK OF MANY FOUNDATIONS, I THINK MAYBE WE'RE

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NOT REALLY SERIOUS ABOUT TACKLING CORRUPTION.

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CROSS BORDER CORRUPTION, THIS HAS BEEN FOR CENTURIES UNTIL

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1977 WHEN THE -- FOREIGN CORRUPT PRACTICE ACT.

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IT TOOK MANY YEARS FOR EUROPE TO FOLLOW.

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HOWEVER, VERY FEW COMPANIES HAVE BEEN CHARGED, ESPECIALLY IN

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EUROPE. ACTUALLY NOBODY HAS BEEN CHARGED.

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CHINA HAD A BIG DRIVE AGAINST

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CORRUPTION. YET WE HAVE AN INSTITUTION FOR ANY CHINESE COMPANY FOR RISK

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BEHAVIOR IN AFRICA. THIS MEANS ONE OF TWO THINGS,

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EITHER NO CORRUPTION IN AFRICA,

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OR NOT SERIOUS YOU CAN DECIDE FOR YOURSELF WHICH ONE OF

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THOSE -- LET US CONSIDER COMPANIES WHERE NOBODY REALLY

1:51:45

KNOWS WHO ARE THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS. THIS IS IDEAL PLACE TO PARK YOUR

1:51:53

ILLICIT FUNDS. THIS IS A SAFE HOUSE FOR DRUG TRAFFICKERS, CRIMINALS,

1:51:59

TERRORISTS, CORRUPT POLITICIANS, CORRUPT BUSINESS PEOPLE. THERE IS NO SOCIAL OR BUSINESS

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NEED FOR THESE COMPANIES. YET, MANY COUNTRIES ARE RELUCTANT TO INTRODUCE OR TO

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FORCE -- FOR THE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP IN THESE COMPANIES.

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AND A FEW COUNTRIES WHICH DID LEGISLATE TO ISSUE, TO FORCE --

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IT WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO COMPETENT AUTHORITIES.

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THEY DO NOT APPRECIATE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES ARE REALLY CAPTURED

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BY PEOPLE OF INTEREST.

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TO SEE SOME TRANSPARENCY HERE, WE NEED TO HAVE IT PUBLIC.

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THAT IF WE ARE SERIOUS. IN AFRICA, WE ALSO NEED TO BE SERIOUS, WE HAVE BEEN MAKING

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SOME PROGRESS, NOT ENOUGH, SMALL PROGRESS IN GOVERNMENTS FOR

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TRANSPARENCY AND DEMOCRACY, BUT IT IS NOT ENOUGH. AND ACTUALLY IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS WE HAVE SEEN SOME

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DEMOCRATIC RECESSION, AND IN THIS CONTEXT I WOULD LIKE TO

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SALUTE THE SUDANESE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN FOR TWO YEARS OUT

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THERE FIGHTING FOR THE DEMOCRATIC -- IN THIS COUNTRY. THIS IS WONDERFUL FOR THOSE

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YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN. IT IS WONDERFUL.

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BUT WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND WE CANNOT DEAL WITH CORRUPTION

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UNLESS WE HAVE THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. WE DID GOOD GOVERNANCE IN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

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THE ILLICIT TSUNAMI LEAVING AFRICA IS BECAUSE OF MISPRICE

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I ING, PROFIT, YOU KNOW, JUGGLING PROFITS AND AVOID ING TEXTS.

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THIS IS A PROBLEM WHICH -- WE NEED SOME COMMITMENT FROM THOSE

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GU GUYS. BUSINESS SHOULD BE PART OF THE SOLUTION, NOT PART OF THE PROBLEM. WE REALLY WANT EVERYBODY,

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BUSINESS, GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY, POLITICAL PEOPLE ALL WILL NEED TO BE SERIOUS IF WE

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REALLY WANT TO DEAL WITH THIS CORRUPTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

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DR. IBRAHIM. TO FRAME THE CONVERSATION TO COME NOW FROM OUR PANEL, LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THIS VIDEO.

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>> CORRUPTION IS A CANCER. A CANCER THAT EATS AWAY AT A

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CITIZEN'S FAITH IN DEMOCRACY. DIMINISHES THE INSTINCT FOR

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INNOVATION AND CREATIVITY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY DENIES THE PEOPLE THEIR DIGNITY.

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>> AND NOW IT IS MY GREAT PRIVILEGE TO TURN THE SESSION OVER TO OUR HOST FOR TODAY, U.S.

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TREASURY SECRETARY JANET YELLEN. SECRETARY YELLEN SPENT ALMOST 50 YEARS IN ACADEMIA AND PUBLIC

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SERVICE. SHE IS THE FIRST PERSON TO HAVE LED THE WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, THE FEDERAL

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RESERVE, AND THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, AND NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE FIRST WOMAN TO HAVE HELD ALL OF THOSE POSITIONS AS WELL.

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THE SECRETARY WILL SHARE WITH THE U.S. TREASURY HAS BEEN DOING TO COMBAT CORRUPTION HERE IN THE U.S. AND OVERSEAS, BY TARGETING

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MONEY LAUNDERERS, OLIGARCHS AND CRIMINAL GROUPS TO SAY NOTHING

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OF EVERYDAY TAX EVADERS. YESTERDAY, THE U.S. ANNOUNCED SANCTIONS TARGETING 16 INDIVIDUALS AND 24 ENTITIES

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ACROSS SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN EUROPE AND THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE. TARGETING ORGANIZED CRIME GROUPS

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IN LINE WITH THE GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

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AND TODAY, THE TREASURY SANCTIONED 15 INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES ACROSS SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN CENTRAL AMERICA,

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AFRICA AND EUROPE, INCLUDING CORRUPTION RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC, TO COVID-19 PROCUREMENT.

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SO SECRETARY YELLEN, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HOSTING US TODAY. THE FLOOR IS YOURS. >> THANK YOU, ANDREA.

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AND THANK YOU, ALL. THIS GATHERING IS A REMARKABLE CROSS SECTION OF THE WORLD'S

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DEMOCRACIES. AND AS WE HEARD SO FAR, WE SHARE A COMMON ADVERSARY, CORRUPTION.

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WHETHER IT IS PUBLIC OFFICIALS ON THE TANK, OR LAWS THAT APPLY

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TO EVERYONE EXCEPT THE WELL CONNECTED, CORRUPTION MAKES A MOCKERY OF OUR FREE AND FAIR

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INSTITUTIONS. THAT IS ONE THING ALL ACTS OF CORRUPTION HAVE IN COMMON.

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BUT TODAY I'D LIKE TO FOCUS MY REMARKS ON ANOTHER SHARED LINK AND THAT IS THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL

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SYSTEM. CORRUPTION AFTER ALL IS JUST A FORM OF FINANCIAL ALCHEMY.

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IT IS THE TRANSFORMATION OF POWER TO ILLICIT MONEY OR

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ILLICIT MONEY INTO POWER. AND IN ORDER TO CATALYZE THAT

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TRANSFORMATION, BAD ACTORS USUALLY NEED AN INTERMEDIARY, A PLACE TO STORE OR LAUNDER THEIR

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ILL GOTTEN GAINS. THE SHELL COMPANY, A REAL ESTATE

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TRANSACTION, AN ART PURCHASE. FOR THIS REASON, COMBATTING CORRUPTION IS NOT JUST THE WORK

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OF THE JUSTICE MINISTRIES, OF PROSECUTORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

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AGENTS. IT IS ALSO THE WORK OF FINANCE MINISTRIES, THE FINANCIAL REGULATORS, AND ECONOMIC

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DEVELOPMENT EXPERTS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT OUR FINANCE MINISTRY IN PARTICULAR, THE

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UNITED STATES TREASURY, MUST PLAY A LEADING ROLE. THE U.S. FINANCIAL SYSTEM IS THE BACKBONE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY.

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ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF ILLICIT FUNDS CAN PASS THROUGH OR LAND

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IN OUR MARKETS. BUT JUST BECAUSE BAD ACTORS WANT TO LAUNDER MONEY THROUGH THE

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UNITED STATES DOES NOT MEAN WE NEED TO MAKE IT EASY FOR THEM. THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY FINANCIAL

1:59:04

SHADOWS IN AMERICA THAT GIVE CORRUPTION COVER. AND WE NEED TO THROW A SPOTLIGHT

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ON THEM. AND THAT IS WHAT WE'RE DOING THROUGH MANY OF THE MEASURES THAT ARE PART OF THE

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GOVERNMENT'S WHOLISTIC STRATEGY TO COMBAT CORRUPTION WHICH WE RELEASE THIS WEEK.

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ONE CRUCIAL MEASURE IS EXPOSING WHO OWNS SHELL COMPANIES AND OTHER ILLICIT FUNDS.

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IN THE POPULAR IMAGINATION, THE MONEY LAUNDERING CAPITALS OF THE

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WORLD ARE SMALL COUNTRIES WITH HISTORIES OF LOOSE AND SECRETIVE

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FINANCIAL LAWS. BUT THERE IS A GOOD ARGUMENT THAT RIGHT NOW THE BEST PLACE TO HIDE AND LAUNDER ILL GOTTEN

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GAINS IS ACTUALLY THE UNITED STATES. AND THAT'S BECAUSE OF THE WAY WE ALLOW PEOPLE TO ESTABLISH SHELL

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COMPANIES. SINCE ANDREW JACKSON, INDIVIDUAL STATES HAVE BEEN FREE TO SET THEIR OWN RULES FOR

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INCORPORATING COMPANIES. AND SINCE THE EARLY 20th CENTURY, SOME STATES HAVE

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ALLOWED ANYBODY TO ESTABLISH A SHELL COMPANY WITHOUT DISCLOSING WHO REALLY OWNS IT.

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WHAT WE TERM THE BENEFICIAL OWNER. BUT THIS IS ABOUT TO CHANGE.

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THANKS TO TREASURIES, FINANCIAL CRIMES, ENFORCEMENT NETWORK

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WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING THE CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY ACT.

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A BIG BIPARTISAN MAJORITY PASSED THE LAW LAST YEAR AND IT ALLOWS US TO BUILD NATIONAL DATABASE OF

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WHO OWNS WHAT SHELL COMPANY. ON TUESDAY, FINSEN ISSUED A

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PROPOSED RULE TO COLLECT THE NECESSARY INFORMATION THAT WILL HELP US BUILD THIS DATABASE. IT WILL REQUIRE MANY U.S. AND

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FOREIGN COMPANIES TO REPORT THEIR TRUE BENEFICIAL OWNERS TO

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FINSEN AND TO UPDATE THAT INFORMATION WHEN THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS CHANGE.

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WE'RE ALSO ENSURING A SIMILAR PRINCIPLE APPLIES TO REAL ESTATE.

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BECAUSE MANY CORRUPT ACTORS CAN HIDE THEIR MONEY IN MIAMI OR

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CENTRAL PARK SKYSCRAPERS, THE SAME WAY THEY DO IN SHELL COMPANIES.

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AN LLC OR TRUST CAN BE LISTED AS THE OWNER. A LAWYER CAN SIGN THE PAPER

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WORK. INDEED, SOMETIMES THE ONLY THING THESE LUXURY PROPERTIES ARE HOME

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TO ARE ILL GOTTEN GAINS.

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THEIR MONEY LAUNDROMATS ON THE 81st FLOOR. WE'RE AWAITING FEEDBACK ON

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FUTURE RULE-MAKING, WHEN SOMEONE BUYS ONE OF THESE PROPERTIES WITH ALL CASH, THEY CAN'T HIDE THEIR IDENTITY.

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OF COURSE, THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF OUR EFFORTS. ONCE WE SHINE A LIGHT ON PLACES

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WHERE CORRUPT ACTORS OPERATE, WE NEED TO GO AFTER THEM LIKE WHEN

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WE SEE PEOPLE POCKETING MONEY THAT IS MEANT TO GO TOWARDS CRUCIAL PUBLIC EFFORTS LIKE

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FIGHTING THE PANDEMIC. TODAY, TREASURY SANCTIONS SEVERAL CORRUPT ACTORS,

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INCLUDING TWO WHO DID EXACTLY THIS. WE ALSO ESTABLISHED A FUND TO

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REWARD PEOPLE WHO CAN PROVIDE INTELLIGENCE ABOUT WHERE CORRUPT FOREIGN LEADERS ARE HIDING THEIR

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MONEY IN THE UNITED STATES THIS WORK, THE WORK OF SHUTTING

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KLEPTOCRATS OUT OF AMERICAN MARKETS AND PURSUING THEM ABROAD IS WORK WE'RE CARRYING OUT WITH

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PARTNERS AT STATE, JUSTICE, AND USAID.

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TODAY, THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED A NEW COORDINATOR ON GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION ISSUES.

2:02:57

AND COMMITTED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING TO SUPPORT MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA AND OTHER

2:03:04

ACTIVISTS WHO EXPOSE BAD ACTORS. USAID IS LAUNCHING A SERIES OF

2:03:11

PROGRAMS WITH SIMILAR GOALS.

2:03:18

BUT LET ME CLOESE BY SAYING THI, IT IS NOT ONLY FOREIGN ACTORS WHO ABUSE OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM,

2:03:24

THERE IS CORRUPTION HERE AT HOME. ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO HOW

2:03:29

PEOPLE PAY TAXES OR RATHER HOW THEY DON'T. LAST YEAR MORE THAN \$600 BILLION

2:03:36

WAS WITHHELD FROM PUBLIC COFFERS BECAUSE OF OUR BROKEN TAX

2:03:41

SYSTEM. WHICH EFFECTIVELY LETS THE COUNTRY'S TOP EARNERS AND LARGEST CORPORATIONS GET AWAY

2:03:47

WITH EVASION. NOW, OBVIOUSLY THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TAX

2:03:53

EVADER AND AUTOCRAT WHO DRAINS THE PUBLIC TREASURY. THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS ARE

2:03:59

SIMILAR. THE COUNTRY IS DEPRIVED OF FUNDING FOR THINGS THAT BENEFIT

2:04:04

EVERYONE, EDUCATION, CHILD CARE, ROADS AND BRIDGES. THE DOLLAR THAT STAYS IN THE TAX

2:04:11

CHEAT'S ACCOUNT IS ALSO THE DOLLAR DENIED TO THE CHILD WHO NEEDS SUBSIDIZED KINDERGARTEN.

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AFTER ALL, THE UNITED STATES CANNOT BE A CREDIBLE VOICE FOR FREE AND FAIR GOVERNMENT ABROAD

2:04:24

IF THE SAME TIME WE ALLOW THE WEALTHY TO BREAK OUR LAWS WITH

2:04:31

IMPUNITY. THE IDEA OF DEMOCRACY IS BOUND UP IN THE IDEA OF AMERICA.

2:04:37

IF WE WANT FREE INSTITUTIONS TO THRIVE THE WORLD OVER, THEN

2:04:42

FIRST WE MUST MODEL WHAT THEY LOOK LIKE AT HOME AND WITH THAT, I'M HAPPY TO TURN THE DISCUSSION

2:04:48

BACK TO OUR MODERATOR. ANDREA, THANK YOU AGAIN. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, SECRETARY

2:04:54

YELLEN. AND NOW I WANT TO BRING IN OUR PANELISTS. LET'S TURN TO THIS POTENTIAL ON HOW TO PREVENT AND COUNTER

2:05:00

CORRUPTION. WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE INDEED TO HAVE WITH US SEVERAL WORLD LEADERS AND AWARD WINNING

2:05:05

DEFENDERS AGAINST CORRUPTION. EACH OF THEM HAVE DEMONSTRATED A PROFOUND COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY, SETTING AN EXAMPLE

2:05:11

FOR THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY AND THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES. JOINING US TODAY, WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE THE PRESIDENT OF THE

2:05:18

REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA, MOKGWEETSI MASISI, WHO HAS PLEDGED HIS

2:05:23

COMMITMENT TO FIGHT CORRUPTION IN HIS COUNTRY. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, ZUZANA CAP THE TOVIA,

2:05:31

FIRST WOMAN TO BE ELECTED HEAD OF STATE IN HER COUNTRY. AS A LAWYER AND ENVIRONMENTALIST, SHE WON A

2:05:37

LANDMARK CASE IN THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE, CONFIRMING THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS THAT IMPACT THE

2:05:43

ENVIRONMENT. AND SHE WAS AWARDED THE PRESTIGIOUS GOLDMAN ENVIRONMENT PRIZE IN 2016.

2:05:48

ALSO WITH US TODAY, PAUL RA DUE, CO-FOUNDER OF THE ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION REPORTING

2:05:54

PROJECT, WHO LED THE AWARD WINNING RUSSIAN AZERBAIJAN AND

2:06:00

TROIKA LAUNDROMAT INVESTIGATION.

2:06:11

REUBEN LIFUKA, ZAMBIA'S TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL VICE CHAIR AND ARCHITECT AND

2:06:16

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT WHO SERVES ON THE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE FROM 2011 TO 2013,

2:06:22

MR. LIFUKA HELPED ADVISE THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA ON DRAFTING THEIR NEW

2:06:30

NATIONAL CONSTITUTION. AND ECUADOR'S ATTORNEY GENERAL, DIANA SALAZAR WHO HAS BEEN

2:06:36

RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF 12 INAUGURAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CHAMPION HEROES. SHE WAS THE YOUNGEST PERSON AND

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THE SECOND WOMAN IT ASSUME THAT POST AND THE FIRST CAREER PROSECUTOR TO BECOME THE COUNTRY'S CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT

2:06:48

OFFICER. ALSO WITH US, IS DARIA KALENIUK, THE CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE

2:06:55

DIRECTOR OF UKRAINE'S ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTION CENTER. THIS ORGANIZATION DISPLAYED A

2:07:00

CRITICAL ROLE IN SHAPING UKRAINE'S ANTI-CORRUPTION EFFORTS. WELCOME TO ALL. WE'LL START WITH THE FIRST

2:07:06

QUESTION TO PRESIDENT MASISI OF BOTSWANA.

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MR. PRESIDENT. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ANDREA. SECRETARY YELLEN, DISTINGUISHED

2:07:18

PANELISTS, IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO BE TAKING PART IN THIS

2:07:24

SEGMENT OF PRESIDENT BIDEN'S SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IS

2:07:30

AT THE TOP OF MY COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT AGENDA. THEREFORE, SHARING THIS PLATFORM

2:07:36

WITH A TEAM OF DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS TO DISCUSS THIS

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PHENOMENON IS ENCOURAGING AS WE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO FIGHT THIS

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VICE. CORRUPTION IS COMMONLY DEFINED AS ABUSE OF ENTRUSTED POWER OR

2:07:56

PERSONAL GAIN. IT IS A SILENT CRIME, SUSTAINED BY WEAK ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS

2:08:01

AND LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY. IT CONTRIBUTES TO POVERTY, BY DENYING THE POOR AND

2:08:08

MARGINALIZED PEOPLE IN SOCIETY, BASIC SERVICES AND AMENITIES MEANT TO ADDRESS INEQUALITY AND

2:08:15

SOCIAL INJUSTICE. IN BOTSWANA, WE HAVE EMBRACED

2:08:20

THE IMPORTANCE OF POLITICAL WILL AS CRITICAL IN THE FIGHT AGAINST

2:08:27

CORRUPTION. BECAUSE IT ENGENDERED AN ANTI-CORRUPTION CULTURE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, WHICH OFFERS A

2:08:35

FIRM FOUNDATION TO DEAL WITH VICE. BOTSWANA IS AWARE OF THE CORROSIVE NATURE OF CORRUPTION

2:08:40

ON DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW AS WE MADE IT OUR RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND

2:08:47

SENIOR PUBLIC SERVANTS TO INCULCATE ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES IN THEIR PROCESSES AND

2:08:54

PROCEDURES. IN THIS RESPECT, WE HAVE TAKEN A DELIBERATE DECISION TO ENSURE

2:08:59

THAT ALL GOVERNMENT MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS HAVE ANTI-CORRUPTION UNITS WITHIN

2:09:04

THEIR STRUCTURES TO CONDUCT TRANSACTION MONITORING FOR EARLY DETECTION OF CORRUPTION

2:09:12

PRACTICES. THIS INITIATIVE WAS INFORMED BY THE REALIZATION THAT THE FIGHT

2:09:17

AGAINST CORRUPTION IS CRUCIAL IN OUR GOVERNANCE SYSTEM. WE ENCOURAGE ALL SYSTEMS TO

2:09:25

PROMOTE ETHICAL BEHAVIOR, INTEGRITY, COMMITMENT TO STANDARDS, AND PROCESSES IN THE

2:09:30

DAILY TRANSACTION AS AN ANTI-CORRUPTION TOOL. WITH RAPID ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,

2:09:37

BOTSWANA, LIKE OTHER COUNTRIES, EXPERIENCE INCIDENTS OF CORRUPTION, BOTH IN THE PUBLIC

2:09:42

AND PRIVATE SECTORS. THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION IS AN EFFECTIVE TOOL AND KEY TO

2:09:50

PROMOTING GOOD GOVERNANCE. AS SUCH, THE AGENCY MANDATED TO

2:09:56

COMBAT CORRUPTION MUST BE WELL RESOURCED AND GRANTED INDEPENDENCE TO CONDUCT ITS

2:10:01

AFFAIRS WITHOUT ANY FORM OF INTERFERENCE. TO THAT END, THE GOVERNMENT OF

2:10:06

BOTSWANA CONTINUES TO ENSURE THAT THE DIRECTORATE ON CORRUPTION AND ECONOMIC CRIME
AND OTHER ORGANS CHARGE THE

2:10:14

RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS ISSUES OF CORRUPTION ADEQUATELY RESOURCED. THIS IS MEANT TO
ENABLE THEM TO

2:10:21

CONDUCT THEIR AFFAIRS WITH A ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF INTEGRITY

2:10:26

AND EFISFICIENCY. THE RULES GRANTED INDEPENDENCE TO INSULATE IT FROM EXTERNAL

2:10:33

INTERFERENCE. ILLEGAL FRAMEWORK ESTABLISHING THE ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCY IS PREMISED ON
THE UNITED NATIONS

2:10:39

CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND OTHER INSTITUTES. AS A RESULT, GOVERNMENTS FIGHT

2:10:45

AGAINST CORRUPTION CONTINUES TO IDENTIFY RELEVANT MUTUALLY AND COMPARABLE BENEFICIAL
BODIES TO

2:10:51

CREATE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION. IN THIS REGARD, BOTSWANA
SIGNED

2:10:58

MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SEVERAL COUNTRIES AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS TO
ENSURE EFFECTIVENESS IN THE

2:11:05

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR AUDIENCE.

2:11:10

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, PRESIDENT MASISI FOR TELLING US ABOUT THE COMMITMENTS IN BOTSWANA.

2:11:16

AND I WANT TO ALSO NOW INT

2:11:23

INTRODUCE -- EXCUSE ME, INTRODUCE PRESIDENT OF SLOVAKIA.

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PRESIDENT CAPUTOVA. YOU SAID AT YOUR INAUGURAL IN

2:11:37

PRESIDENT -- IN NOVEMBER 2019 THAT WE CANNOT HOPE FOR NEITHER SERVICE DELIVERY, NOR ACHIEVE

2:11:43

ANY OF OUR NATIONAL OBJECTIVES IF OUR INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS ARE NOT ROBUST, TRANSPARENT AND

2:11:49

ACCOUNTABLE AND FREE FROM CORRUPTION. WHAT MEASURES AND MECHANISMS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE HAVE YOU PUT IN

2:11:55

PLACE SINCE TAKING OFFICE? I'M SORRY, THAT WAS A QUESTION

2:12:02

FOR -- THAT WAS A QUESTION -- I'M SORRY, FOR THE PRESIDENT OF BOTSWANA THAT I SHOULD HAVE

2:12:08

READ. PRESIDENT CAPUTOVA, WHEN YOU BECAME THE FIRST FEMALE LEADER OF SLOVAKIA, AFTER RUNNING ON A

2:12:14

PLATFORM OF ANTI-CORRUPTION, WHAT REFORMS HAVE YOU MADE SINCE COMING INTO OFFICE, IF YOU COULD TELL US THAT AND THIS ANEN I'LL

2:12:25

RETURN TO ANSWER THAT OTHER QUESTION.

2:12:39

>> THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO FIGHT CORRUPTION. I'M GLAD WE ARE DISCUSSING THEM

2:12:44

TODAY. FOR ME, THE MOST INTERESTING LESSON IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION IS

2:12:50

THAT -- IT IS NOT JUST A QUALITY OF OUR LEGAL FRAMEWORK, OF INSTITUTIONS.

2:12:56

BUT ALSO PEOPLE WITH INTEGRITY, WHO LEAD THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

2:13:01

IN SLOVAKIA, AFTER THE FALL OF COMMUNISM IN 1989, OUR LEGACY

2:13:08

WAS THE LACK OF QUALITY ANTI-CORRUPTION LEGISLATION AND A CULTURE OF ZERO TRUST IN

2:13:15

AUTHORITIES. A POPULAR SAYING IN THE COMMENT

2:13:21

AREA, IF YOU'RE NOT STEALING FROM THE STATE, YOU'RE STEALING FROM YOUR OWN FAMILY. IN THE 1990s, WE STARTED WITH

2:13:31

CREATING NEW LEGAL -- AND OPTED THE EXISTING EXECUTIONS AND BUILT NEW AND INDEPENDENT ONES.

2:13:39

LET ME PRESENT THE EXAMPLES. THE FIRST ONE WAS THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

2:13:46

IT IS A POWERFUL TOOL TO OVERSEE

2:13:52

BALANCES. WHEN IT COMES TO TRANSPARENCY, WE ADDED SIMPLE RULE.

2:13:57

NO CONTRACT WITH STATE IS VALID UNLESS IT IS PUBLISHED IN A PUBLIC REGISTRY.

2:14:04

THIS STEP HELPS US UNCOVER AND PREVENT CORRUPTION IN MANY

2:14:09

CASES. ANOTHER EXAMPLE -- FROM PUBLIC TRANSACTIONS, NO ENTITY CAN DO

2:14:17

SUBSTANTIAL BUSINESS WITH STATE UNLESS IT IS FULLY DISCLOSED ITS

2:14:23

BENEFICIAL PUBLISHING IN A SPECIALIZED AND PUBLIC -- IT IS QUITE UNIQUE AND WE ARE READY TO

2:14:28

SHARE OUR EXPERIENCE. IN THE FIELD OF BUILDING

2:14:33

INSTITUTIONS, WE ALSO ADDED A SPECIALIZED PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AND SPECIALIZED CRIMINAL COURT

2:14:39

TO DEAL WITH HIGH LEVEL CORRUPTION AND MONEY LAUNDERING.

2:14:45

INSPIRATION FOR SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES -- CHANGED THE RULES

2:14:51

QUICKLY, BUT IT TAKES DICTATES TO CHANGE PEOPLE'S MINDS. MY PERSONAL OBSERVATION OF THE

2:14:58

LAST 50 YEARS IS THE THREE SUFFERED FROM LEGISLATION AND

2:15:04

INSTITUTIONAL OPTIMISM. WE THOUGHT IF WE HAVE THE NECESSARY INSTITUTIONS AND

2:15:09

REGULATIONS IN PLACE, IT WILL BE ENOUGH. IT IS NOT. AS I SAID IN THE BEGINNING --

2:15:16

THE QUALITY OF PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO LIVE IN INSTITUTIONS. THIS WAS THE REASON WHY WE

2:15:23

ADOPTED TRANSPARENT PUBLIC SELECTION PROCESS AND HEARINGS, OF CANDIDATES, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR

2:15:30

JUDGING OR PROSECUTORS. THERE ARE MEASURES WE ADOPTED IN SLOVAKIA ARE HELPFUL IN FIGHTING

2:15:37

CORRUPTION. WE KNOW THAT CORRUPTION IS NEVER A -- IT IS AFFECTING ALL OF US,

2:15:43

JUST LIKE THE CLIMATE CRISIS. SO WE MUST WORK TOGETHER AND GLOBALLY BECAUSE CORRUPTION

2:15:49

KNOWS NO BORDERS. THANK YOU, AND I WISH YOU VERY GOOD DISCUSSION. THANK YOU.

2:15:55

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, PRESIDENT CAPUTOVA. PRESIDENT MASISI, IF I COULD

2:16:00

FOLLOW UP ON YOU, YOU DESCRIBED YOUR COMMITMENTS SINCE YOUR INAUGURAL IN 2019.

2:16:06

HOW DO YOU ENSURE YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS THE FINANCES TO

2:16:11

MAINTAIN THE INSTITUTIONS YOU PUT IN PLACE TO FIGHT CORRUPTION? AND KEEP THEM INSULATED?

2:16:19

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FIRST RESPONSIBILITY IS TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU BUDGET FOR THEM.

2:16:24

IT IS A COMMITMENT. IT IS A PRINCIPLE OF GOVERNANCE.

2:16:29

AND IF YOU BELIEVE IN IT, YOU BETTER PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS. SO WE ESTABLISHED AN ENTITY AS

2:16:38

IN THE INDEPENDENT ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCY AND WE

2:16:45

FUND IT FROM GOVERNMENT COFFERS. >> THANK YOU FOR THAT ANSWER. AND NOW I WANT TO BRING IN PAUL

2:16:54

RADU, THE CO-CREATOR OF INVESTIGATOR DASHBOARD, RESEARCH DESK THAT HELPS JOURNALISTS TO

2:16:59

TRACE PEOPLE, COMPANIES AND ASSETS IN CRIMINAL NETWORKS AND TO KEEP TRACK OF INFORMATION IN MORE COMPLEX INVESTIGATIONS.

2:17:05

SO WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE GREATEST OBSTACLE TO HOLDING GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE?

2:17:11

PARTICULARLY IN ROMANIA AND ALSO AROUND THE WORLD? >> THANK YOU, ANDREA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING

2:17:18

ME TO SPEAK AT THIS FORUM ON BEHALF OF MY AMAZING COLLEAGUES

2:17:25

AT THE ORGANIZED CRIME AND CORRUPTION REPORTING PROJECT. WE WORK TIRELESSLY IN INVESTIGATING ORGANIZED CRIME,

2:17:32

EXPOSING THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF CORRUPTION. AND ONE OF THE MAIN OBSTACLES IN

2:17:40

INVESTIGATING CORRUPTIONS IN EXPOSING CORRUPTION IS THE

2:17:45

INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WAS BUILT OVER MORE THAN 30, 40 YEARS, OVER DECADES, THE

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INFRASTRUCTURE, THE CRIMINAL INFRASTRUCTURE THAT ALLOWS FOR THIS CORRUPTION TO FLOURISH.

2:17:56

NOW, I GREW UP IN EASTERN EUROPE, I'M FROM ROMANIA, AND IN THE EARLY '90s, WE WERE HIGH ON,

2:18:02

YOU KNOW THIS DREAM OF DEMOCRACY, IT WAS RIGHT AFTER THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL,

2:18:08

AFTER THE FALL OF THE COMMUNISM. AND WE THOUGHT, YOU KNOW, THE

2:18:13

TIME HAS TURNED AND WE'RE LIVING IN A NEW ERA AND PEOPLE HAVE A NEW CHANCE TO EXPERIENCE

2:18:19

FREEDOM. WHAT WE DIDN'T KNOW IS THAT, YOU KNOW, WE TURNED A PAGE IN THE SAME BOOK.

2:18:25

THE SAME PEOPLE WHO WERE LOOTING THE COUNTRIES, EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THE '80s, IN THE

2:18:32

'70s, KEPT ON LOOTING IN THE '90s AND THE 2000s. 20 YEARS LATER I WAS WITH MY

2:18:38

CO-FOUNDER IN CAIRO, IN EGYPT, WORKING WITH INVESTIGATIVE

2:18:43

REPORTERS IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND NORTH AFRICA IN EXPOSING HIGH LEVEL ORGANIZED CRIME AND

2:18:48

CORRUPTION IN THEIR COUNTRIES. THEY WERE FULL OF HOPE AS WELL. BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THE TIDE

2:18:55

HAS TURNED. AND, YOU KNOW, HOPE WAS AT EVERY TURN BECAUSE WHAT WE DIDN'T SEE,

2:19:02

WHAT MANY DIDN'T SEE WAS THE CORRUPT INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT THE CRIMINALS PUT IN PLACE OVER

2:19:08

DECADES WAS STILL LEFT IN TACT. AND THIS CORRUPT INFRASTRUCTURE

2:19:15

IS COMPRISED OF ALL FOUR COMPANIES, THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY WHEN IT COMES TO

2:19:20

SERVICES, THE FACT THAT THE CRIMINALS ARE VERY -- THEY'RE EARLY ADOPTERS OF TECHNOLOGY

2:19:28

THEY PUT TOGETHER SYSTEMS, CORRUPT SYSTEMS THAT ARE REPLICATED OVER AND OVER ACROSS GEOGRAPHIES AND ACROSS SERVERS.

2:19:34

SO THIS IS THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION, THE FACT THAT THIS INFRASTRUCTURE IS NOT

2:19:40

SEEN ENOUGH BY ENOUGH PEOPLE WHO CAN ACT ON IT. NOW, WE EXPOSE SOME OF THIS

2:19:48

CORRUPT INFRASTRUCTURE. WE EXPOSE THE CRIMINAL SERVICES INDUSTRY, OUR COLLEAGUES WORKING

2:19:55

WITH OTHER NETWORKS ARE ALSO EXPOSING THESE TYPE OF WRONGDOING, BUT THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE ACTION ON TOP OF IT.

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WE NEED TO COME TOGETHER A LOT MORE. WE NEED TO BUILT TECHNOLOGY, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT

2:20:07

JOURNALISTS CAN SAFELY REPORT ON CORRUPTION. AND THIS IS THE MAIN POINT, THIS IS A CRITICAL POINT, RECEIVING

2:20:16

THE -- THIS GREAT CLEANSE THAT ARE GOING TO GROW AND FLOURISH AND FOSTER DEMOCRACY, BUT THIS

2:20:23

IS PART OF THE REPORTING AND ALONG THE WAY IN THE PAST 30, 40

2:20:30

YEARS, INVESTIGATING REPORTERS HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES FOR IT.

2:20:35

SKYIA, IN SLOVAKIA, GALICIA, YOU KNOW, MANY PEOPLE IN MEXICO IN

2:20:42

COLOMBIA, MANY OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD, THEY HAVE SACRIFICED FOR INVESTIGATIVE REPORT FOR IN

2:20:48

THE SERVICE OF THE PUBLIC. RIGHT NOW IN OUR COLLEAGUES IN

2:20:54

SERBIA, UNDER PRESSURE TRYING TO REVEAL THIS CORRUPT INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS IS WHAT WE NEED. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO EXPOSE IT

2:21:01

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO ACT ON IT.

2:21:06

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, PAUL RADU. THAT IS A PASSION OF MINE AS YOU CAN IMAGINE THROUGH THE

2:21:11

COMMITTEE TO PROTECT JOURNALISTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S MEDIA FOUNDATION AND OTHER GROUPS, WHICH WERE ACTIVE HERE

2:21:17

IN THE UNITED STATES AND GLOBALLY. SO THE TOLL THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN ON INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

2:21:24

AROUND THE WORLD, BOTH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED AND THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN JAIL IN MANY

2:21:31

COUNTRIES IS JUST INTOLERABLE. LET ME FOLLOW UP AS WE -- AS I

2:21:36

BRING IN REUBEN LIFUKA, THE VICE CHAIR OF TRANSPARENCY

2:21:42

INTERNATIONAL IN ZAMBIA, WHICH IS DEDICATED TO THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION. YOU LAID OUT A STRATEGY TO DRIVE

2:21:50

SYSTEMIC CHANGE BY 2030. BUT DO YOU HAVE IN PLACE THE

2:21:57

INDEPENDENT ABILITY TO GO AFTER THE CORRUPT HOLDOVERS FROM ALL OF THOSE DECADES, WHICH I ASSUME

2:22:04

IS SIMILAR IN ZAMBIA AS IT IS IN ROMANIA, IN PAUL'S NATIVE

2:22:10

COUNTRY. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2:22:15

JUST ONE CORRECTION, I'M BASED IN ZAMBIA, BUT I'M THE VICE

2:22:20

CHAIR OF TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL. THEREFORE HERE I REPRESENT MORE

2:22:27

THAN -- CHAPTERS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO CONTEXTUALIZE MY REMARKS BY TALKING ABOUT WHAT

2:22:33

IS HAPPENING AROUND THE WORLD AND WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF OUR

2:22:40

CHAPTERS. IT IS IMPORTANT OCCASION FOR US TO SHARE OUR VIEWS. I THINK THAT PROBABLY THE BEST

2:22:45

WAY TO STRUCTURE THE QUESTION THAT YOU ASKED US TO LOOK AT HOW WE CAN -- AS CIVIL SOCIETY,

2:22:55

INDEPENDENTLY WITH GOVERNMENTS. AND FOR US, TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL, WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THIS ISSUE OF HOW A

2:23:01

CIVIL SOCIETY WE CAN COLLABORATE WITH OTHER ACTORS IN HOLDING

2:23:06

CORRUPT ACTORS ACCOUNTABLE. WE HAVE OFTEN SEEN IN TOO MANY CASES PEOPLE WHO COME TO POWER,

2:23:12

POLITICAL LEADERS WHO COME TO POWER WITH POPULIST TENDENCIES LASH OUT AT ACCOUNTABILITY FOCUS

2:23:19

ACTORS, THAT DELIVER THE WEAKENING OF BOTH INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIETAL CHECKS OVER THE PAST DECADE IS ONE OF THE

2:23:25

REASONS WHY WE ARE FACING THIS INTERLINKED CRISIS OF CORRUPTION AND DEMOCRACY TODAY.

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BUT TO FULFILL THIS WITHIN THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS, LIKE PRESIDENT MASISI SAID, THE

2:23:38

OVERSIGHT ENFORCEMENT BORDER SUCH AS ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCIES AND SUPREME AUDIT INSTITUTIONS

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NEED TO BE FUNCTIONALLY INDEPENDENT AND ADEQUATELY RESOURCED, BUT ALSO EMPOWERED TO

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DETECT AND SANCTION WRONGDOING. AND FOR TRANSPARENCY

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INTERNATIONAL, WE MADE A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS INsofar AS TRANSPARENCY MAJORS ARE

2:23:59

CONCERNED WHICH CAN BE IMPLEMENTED AT HOME AND ABROAD. AND SOME OF THE MAJORS HAVE BEEN

2:24:06

SAID, NUMBER ONE, JUST BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY AND SPECIFICALLY

2:24:12

HAVING PUBLIC CENTER REGISTERS, BENEFICIAL OWNERS, WHICH WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR ALL OUR

2:24:18

ACCOUNTABILITY ACTORS TO CARRY OUT THE DETECTION AND FUNCTIONS.

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WE BELIEVE WITH PUBLIC REGISTERS IN PLACE, PROCUREMENT ENTITY OR

2:24:30

AGENCIES WOULD HAVE BETTERED ALL OF YOU FOR CONFLICT OF INTEREST

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SITUATIONS. THEY COULD DETECT AND INVESTIGATE CORRUPT

2:24:41

TRANSACTIONS. ENFORCING ALL THIS, INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY ACT VISITS COULD MAKE USE OF THE REGISTERS TO

2:24:49

HELP EXPOSE CORRUPTION SCHEMES. LIKewise, PUBLICATION OF ASSETS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO DETERRENCE

2:24:55

AND VERIFICATION WORK AND THE SIGNING OF INTERNATIONAL DEBTOR EXCHANGE TREATY FOR THE

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VERIFICATION OF ASSETS DECLARATION WOULD HELP. BUT WE ALSO THINK THAT NEW TOOLS

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WOULD HELP ENFORCE -- ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO FULFILL THEIR MANDATES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE USE OF

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NONCONVICTION BASE D IN SUCH CASES AS WAS CALLED FOR IN THE POLITICAL DECLARATION OF A U.N.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION AGAINST CORRUPTION IN JUNE 2021. CROSS BORDER ENFORCEMENT COULD

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ALSO BE IMPROVED THROUGH EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND CAPACITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL

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ANTI-CORRUPTION COORDINATION CENTER, WHICH ASSISTS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONDUCTING

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CHALLENGING CROSS BORDER INVESTIGATION. THIS COULD BE SUPPLEMENTED WITH THE USE OF INVESTIGATION TEAMS,

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AND THIS CAN BE INCREASED. SO, THEREFORE, AS TRANSPARENCY

2:25:55

INTERNATIONAL, WE SEE THIS PROVIDES FOR THE CONDITIONS FOR MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT WITH CIVIL

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SOCIETY GROUPS AND CATALYZING PUBLIC SUPPORT. CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS CAN

2:26:06

CONTRIBUTE KNOW HOW AS WELL AS HELP MONITOR FOLLOW-UP TO THE COMMITMENTS. AND DEMOCRACIES SHOULD ALSO DO

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MORE TO FORCE THEM IN EVERY ENVIRONMENT FOR CIVIC ACTION.

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JUST AS A LAST ONE FOR EXAMPLE, THEY SHOULD ADOPT MAJORS TO

2:26:24

PROTECT INDEPENDENT MEDIA, WHISTLE BLOWERS AND ACTIVISTS,

2:26:29

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ALSO KNOWN AS LAPS. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE NEW FRAMEWORKS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST

2:26:36

ORGANIZATIONS TO BRING COLLECTIVE COMPENSATION CLAIMS ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS OF

2:26:42

CORRUPTION. FINALLY, WE WANT TO JUST THANK THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT THEY MADE TO

2:26:47

SUPPORT THE WAKE OF THE GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONSORTIUM, WHICH BRINGS TOGETHER THE PR

2:26:56

ANTI-TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND HELP

2:27:01

FOSTER THIS ENVIRONMENT FOR CIVIC ACTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU, MR. LIFUKA.

2:27:07

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GLOBAL EFFORTS IN FIGHTING CORRUPTION. I WANT TO BRING IN DIANA

2:27:14

SALAZAR, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FROM ECUADOR. AND MAYBE YOU CAN ALSO COMMENT

2:27:19

ON WHETHER OR NOT IN YOUR EFFORTS ATTORNEY GENERAL, FOR

2:27:27

UNINJURED ACCESS THAT YOU NOW HAVE TO THE EU, BUT IN YOUR EFFORTS FOR MORE ACCESS TO --

2:27:35

EXCUSE ME, MORE ACCESS IN ECUADOR, FOR THE INDEPENDENCE AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE JUSTICE

2:27:42

SYSTEM, WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH SO FAR HAS BEEN EXTRAORDINARY, WHAT MORE COULD BE HELPFUL INCLUDING THE CROSS

2:27:50

BORDER ACCESS THAT MR. LIFUKA JUST SPOKE TO, CROSS BORDER

2:27:58

ENFORCEMENT.

2:28:07

>> Translator: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ANDREA. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND

2:28:13

PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE

2:28:21

FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION. IN

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INDEED CORRUPTION UNDERMINES THE ABILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATES. TURNING INTO A SIGNIFICANT

2:28:33

OBSTACLE FOR THE REDUCTION OF POVERTY, AND INEQUALITY,

2:28:39

LIMITING OPPORTUNITIES AND FREEDOMS WITH ECONOMIC

2:28:45

CONSEQUENCES THAT EXPAND PROBLEMS EVEN FURTHER. NOW IF WE FOCUS ON THE EFFORTS

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THAT WE HAVE MADE SO FAR IN ECUADOR, TO GUARANTEE

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COOPERATION AND TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO FIGHT

2:29:05

CORRUPTION, WE HAVE CREATED AND STRENGTHENED COOPERATION LINKS

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AMONG DEMOCRACIES AND THAT IS THE BEST MEANS TO WORK JOINTLY IN

2:29:21

RESOURCES TO FIGHT CORRUPTION.

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HAVE TO BE ADAPTED TO THE NEW TIMES. NOT ONLY IN THE NEW MOs OF THE

2:29:41

CRIMES, BUT ALSO THEY HAVE TO BE AWARE OF WHAT THE FACILITIES OF

2:29:47

THE GLOBALIZATION DUE TO I.T. AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES. THIS IS ONE OF THE CHALLENGES

2:29:55

THAT WE HAVE TO FACE IN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION.

2:30:01

WE HAVE TO INCLUDE INTO OUR WORK PROCESSES HOW TO COMMUNICATE

2:30:07

AMONG DIFFERENT COUNTRIES ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. TO BE STRENGTHENED, THIS JOINT

2:30:15

EFFORT OF ALL DEMOCRACIES ON A BILATERAL REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, WE HAVE TO

2:30:21

FIND SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO COORDINATE LEGISLATION AND

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SEE WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES ARE BETWEEN DIFFERENT LEGAL SYSTEMS

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AND ALSO SIGN THE DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS RELATED TO THE U.N.

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ACTION ON -- AGAINST CORRUPTION. WE HAVE TO SIGN AGREEMENTS THAT

2:30:49

WOULD 'LOW ALL THE DEMOCRACIES TO WORK TOGETHER AND THEY HAVE

2:30:55

TO HAVE THE POLITICAL WILL TO ENTER INTO THIS JOINT ACTIONS TO

2:31:02

PREVENT AND FIGHT CORRUPTION BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE, I THINK

2:31:09

THAT IS FUNDAMENTAL TO PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIONS TO

2:31:17

RESPOND TO PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION, AND ALSO ALL THE INSTITUTIONS HAVE TO

2:31:22

PARTICIPATE. WE ALSO HAVE TO FOSTER EXCHANGE

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OF THE PRACTICES TO STRENGTHEN INSTITUTIONS AND THIS WILL BE

2:31:35

DONE THROUGH TRAINING. WE ALSO HAVE TO PARTICIPATE IN

2:31:41

DIFFERENT FORA AND DIFFERENT REGIONAL FORUMS LIKE THIS ONE,

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FOR EXAMPLE, THAT WOULD ALLOW TO EXCHANGE IDEAS, PERSPECTIVES,

2:31:53

AND ALSO TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT CORRUPTION TOGETHER. WE, AS MEMBERS OF DEMOCRACIES OF

2:31:59

THE WORLD, WE HAVE TO COOPERATE TO PREVENT AND FIGHT CORRUPTION

2:32:06

AND, ABOVE ALL, TO BE ABLE TO AVOID IMPUNITY. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ATTORNEY

2:32:11

GENERAL. I WANT TO TURN TO DARIA KALENIUK

2:32:19

FROM UKRAINE. I HAD THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH YOU IN JUNE WHEN I WAS IN YOUR COUNTRY. YOU WROTE FOR THE ATLANTIC

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COUNCIL THAT OLIGARCHS AND CORRUPT OFFICIALS WHO ARE OBJECT INSTRUCTING REFORMS HAVE

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UNHINDERED ACCESS TO THE EU, WHICH, OF COURSE, CONTINUES TO

2:32:38

ENABLE CORRUPTION IN UKRAINE. CORRUPTION IS A BIG ISSUE THAT YOU HAVE TO MEET CERTAIN STANDARDS BEFORE YOU COULD HAVE

2:32:44

YOUR ASPIRATION TO JOIN NATO, AS HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY PRESIDENT

2:32:51

Z ZELENSKIY. HOW CAN THE EU ADDRESS THIS AND HELP YOU IN UKRAINE? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2:32:58

>> THANK YOU, ANDREA, FOR THE GREAT QUESTION. IT WAS MY BIG THANKS TO

2:33:04

SECRETARY YELLEN FOR IMPOSING TODAY PERSONAL SANCTIONS AGAINST TWO UKRAINIAN INDIVIDUALS WHO

2:33:11

ARE ATTACKING ANTI-CORRUPTION REPORTS. AND WHAT YOU COULD DO IS SIMPLY TO FOLLOW THE LEAD OF THE UNITED

2:33:17

STATES BECAUSE WHAT WE LIKE IS THE SYNCHRONIZATION OF THE SANCTIONS AGAINST OLIGARCHS AND

2:33:23

AGAINST CORRUPT INDIVIDUALS IN POWER WITH ALL DEVELOPED

2:33:29

DEMOCRACIES. SO IT'S GOOD TO HAVE IMPOSING VISA BANS AND SANCTIONS, BUT

2:33:36

STILL THE MONEY AND CORRUPT INDIVIDUALS CAN MOVE TO

2:33:41

COUNTRIES IN THE EUROPEAN. AND WE SEE THAT THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITH IMPOSING SAIJSS

2:33:47

THERE. WHAT WE'RE ALSO THINKING YOU COULD DO MORE IS FOLLOW THE LEADERSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES

2:33:52

AND SIMPLY TO ADMIT THAT CORRUPTION IS A SECURITY THREAT.

2:33:57

IT'S A SECURITY THREAT TO UKRAINE. WE KNOW THAT CORRUPTION KILLS.

2:34:04

200,000 TROOPS ON THE BORDER OF UKRAINE, I AM TALKING TO YOU FROM KIEV AND KIEV IS ANNOUNCING

2:34:11

HOW TO EVACUATE PEOPLE. SO WE ARE PREPARING TO WAR. BUT WE KNOW THAT THIS 200,000 TROOPS PREPARED BY THE KREMLIN

2:34:18

REGIME TO ATTACK UKRAINE WERE SENT BY PUTIN IN ORDER TO PROTECT HIS RIGHT TO STEAL AND

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DRAW RUSSIAN PEOPLE AND ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. AND THEY KNOW THAT THEY WON'T BE

2:34:30

ABLE TO CONTINUE IF UKRAINE SUCCEEDS. UKRAINE SUCCEEDS IN BUILDING LAW, IN BUILDING STRONG

2:34:39

INSTITUTIONS WHEN CRANUKRAINIAN PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO LEAD IN DIGNITY.

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WE HAVE QUITE A PROGRESS WITH THAT. WE BUILT ANTI-CORRUPTION

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INSTITUTIONS, LAUNCHED JUDICIAL REFORM WITH THE HELP OF INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS, AND WE

2:34:56

ARE VERY TRANSPARENT. FIRST IN EUROPE TO OPEN HONEST COMPANIES.

2:35:01

WE HAVE EXTENSIVE DISCLOSURE SYSTEM AND WE ACTUALLY CALL

2:35:07

FOR -- OTHER COUNTRIES IN TRANSITION DEMOCRACIES AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO FOLLOW

2:35:12

AND TO HAVE THE SAME AS A DOSE CLOSURE SYSTEM. I ALSO APPLAUD TO SECRETARY YELLEN FOR ANNOUNCING THAT REAL

2:35:21

ESTATE AGENTS WILL BE CHECKED AND THEY WILL HAVE TO CHECK ACTUALLY WHO BUYS REAL ESTATE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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I HOPE THE SAME WILL BE DONE IN THE EU. A LOT OF REAL ESTATE BEEN BOUGHT

2:35:33

BY UKRAINE OR RUSSIAN OR SOME OTHER OLIGARCHS AND GROUPS IN AUSTRIA, IN SWITZERLAND, AND

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THEY HAVE BEEN BOUGHT BY COMPANIES AND IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO

2:35:46

FIND WHO ACTUALLY OWNS THESE REAL ESTATE. AND THIS INFORMATION WILL BE

2:35:52

PUBLIC. THEY WILL GIVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR US AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO FOLLOW

2:35:58

TO INVESTIGATE AND TO PROSECUTE. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, DARIA

2:36:08

KALENIUK. I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON ALL OF THIS NEW.

2:36:13

FIRST TO LOVE LIVE. TALK TO ME ABOUT TRANSPARENCY

2:36:19

INTERNATIONAL AND WHAT KIND OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION YOU NOW NEED FROM THE U.S. AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO HELP YOU IN YOUR

2:36:24

EFFORTS. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, ANDREA.

2:36:35

TEA WE HAVE MORE THAN 100 COUNTRIES, BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE 1993,

2:36:42

AND OUR WORK HAS BEEN AROUND A NUMBER OF KEY AREAS AND CURRENTLY WE ARE LOOKING AT

2:36:48

ISSUES OF DEBT AND MONEY, ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM OF DEBT AND MONEY, ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES OF STATE CAPTURE, BUT

2:36:55

ALSO LOOKING AT THE TRANSNATIONAL CORRUPTION.

2:37:00

AND WE DID JUST YESTERDAY ISSUE AN OPEN LETTER WHERE WE ARE

2:37:05

CALLING ON GOVERNMENTS ATTENDING THIS SUMMIT TO INITIATE A TRUE MOMENTUM FOR THE FUTURE OF

2:37:11

DEMOCRACY BY CREATING CONDITIONS FOR MANY FOR CIVIC PARTICIPATION, ESPECIALLY IN THIS COMING YEAR.

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AND THIS PLAY IS NOT JUST COMING FROM TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL, ALSO FROM ACTIVISTS AROUND THE

2:37:25

WORLD. AND THIS IS DRIVEN BY THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SIMILAR TYPE OF EVENTS IN THE PAST WHERE

2:37:31

COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AND THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME OF THOSE COMMITMENTS.

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SO FOR THE DEMOCRACIES GATHERED HERE AT THE SUMMIT, OUR CALL IS

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THAT YOU SHOULD MAKE A GLOBAL PACT WITH A CLEAR PLAN OF ACTION. AND THIS PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD

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INCLUDE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITMENTS TO COLLECT I HAVE

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AND INDIVIDUAL ANTI-CORRUPTION MEASURES NEXT YEAR. WE WANT TO SEE A REAL AND PROMPT

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FOLLOW-THROUGH WHICH IS VERY ESSENTIAL FOR THE CREDIBILITY OF THE INITIATIVE.

2:38:06

WE RECALL THAT ANTI-CORRUPTION SUMMIT IN 2016 AND A NUMBER OF

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COMMITMENTS WERE MET. BUT FOLLOWING THROUGH SOME OF THOSE COMMITMENTS, NOT ALL THE

2:38:18

COUNTRIES MADE COMMITMENTS FOLLOWED THROUGH ON THEM. SO WE MAKE OF THIS PLEA FOR A GLOBAL PACT FROM THE DEMOCRACIES

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GATHERED HERE. ONE OF THE KEY AREAS OF DEMOCRACY IS CAN WORK ON IS TO

2:38:32

THE ENFORCEMENT AND JUSTICE TOOLKITS IN ORDER TO FILL THE GAPS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AS

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WELL AS THE GAPS AND CORRUPTION CHALLENGES WE DEEM THE INTERNATIONAL CORRUPTION

2:38:45

FRAMEWORK. THEY ARE COMMITTED TO DO THAT IN THE POLITICAL DECLARATION OF

2:38:52

JUNE 2021 AT THE U.N. THUS FAR, WE HAVE NOT SEEN A SINGLE COMMITMENT TO STEM THE FLOW OF THE PROCESS OF

2:38:58

CORRUPTION. AS WE HAVE SEEN EFFORTS TO COUNTER TERRORIST FINANCING.

2:39:03

SO IN OUR VIEW, CORRUPTION IS ALSO AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO

2:39:09

DEMOCRACIES. COUNTRIES COMMITTED TO COMMITTING ILLICIT FINANCIAL --

2:39:15

SHOULD WORK TOGETHER WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AND STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE ROADMAPS TO DRIVE

2:39:21

COUNTRY, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL ACTION. AND THE ROADMAP I'M TALKING ABOUT WHICH WE ARE PROPOSING

2:39:27

SHOULD INCLUDE SPECIFIC STEPS TO IMPROVE INFORMATION SHARING SUCH AS EXCHANGE OF FINANCIAL DATA

2:39:32

AND THIS WILL GO A LONG WAY TO US PREVENTING PROCESS OF CORRUPTION FROM EASILY ENTERING

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GLOBAL FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INCLUDING THROUGH GREATER TRANSPARENCY OF BENEFICIAL

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OWNERSHIP INFORMATION. AND ANOTHER APPROACH WE ARE PROPOSING IS TO CRATE AEATE A J

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FUND TO SUPPORT NETWORKS OF JOURNALISTS ENGAGING IN CROSS-BORDER INVESTIGATIVE WORK

2:39:58

TO EXPOSE CORRUPTION AND ACTIVISTS DRIVING SYSTEMIC CHANGE. THE SUPPORT SHOULD INCLUDE

2:40:06

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE WHERE THERE IS REPRESSION. I WANT TO CONCLUDE BY -- THE

2:40:13

ADVANCED DEMOCRATIC ECONOMIES LIKE THE U.S. TO RESPECT COMMITMENTS AND ENFORCE EXISTING

2:40:18

LAWS AND MAKE USE OF AVAILABLE JUSTICE MECHANISMS TO TACKLE TRANSNATIONAL CORRUPTION LINKED

2:40:24

BUT JURISDICTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, MUCH MORE COULD BE DONE IN MAJOR EXPORTING COUNTRIES TO ENFORCE AGAIN

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BRIBERY OF FOREIGN PUBLIC OFFICIALS BY COMPANIES. TRANSPARENCY INTERNATIONAL

2:40:38

PRODUCED A REPORT LAST YEAR IN WHICH IT FOUND THAT ALL THE 47 MAJOR EXPORTING COUNTRIES, ONLY

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FOUR ACTIVELY ENFORCE THEIR OWN LAWS AGAINST FOREIGN BRIBERY.

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THIS IS AN OBLIGATION AS WELL AS A U.N. CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION.

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THEREFORE, COUNTRIES SHOULD SHOW THAT THEY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT FIGHTING CORRUPTION AND THIS

2:41:02

SHOULD INCLUDE ASSURING THE PROCESS OF FOREIGN BRIBERY ARE

2:41:09

CONTEST CONNECTICUT FESS INDICATED AND RETURNS TO VICTIMS. >> ATTORNEY GENERAL SALAZAR, IF YOU COULD ANSWER, WHAT MORE DO

2:41:16

YOU NEED INTERNATIONALLY FROM GLOBAL PARTNERS TO FIGHT CORRUPTION AT HOME?

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>> WE BELIEVE THAT THE

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PUBLIC/PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT CORRUPTION.

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IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WE HAVE

2:41:48

BEEN ABLE TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC, SOCIAL ISSUES TAKING INTO

2:41:56

ACCOUNT HOW WE CAN WORK WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

2:42:02

THEREFORE, THEY ARE NOT AN ISOLATED ISSUE.

2:42:08

THEY BECOME A FULL-FLEDGED MECHANISM TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A

2:42:17

PUBLIC POLICY THAT ANSWERS THESE NEEDS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST

2:42:22

CORRUPTION AND I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION NOT JUST REGARDING ECUADOR. I THINK THAT THESE ALLIANCES

2:42:31

COULD BE DONE AMONG AGENCIES AND THEY CAN OFFER SERVICES, FOR

2:42:37

EXAMPLE. WE HAVE SOME ENTITIES LIKE INTERNATIONAL TRANSPARENCY AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS THAT CAN WORK

2:42:44

TOGETHER IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SEVERAL CASES. SO THE GOVERNMENT, WITH THE LAW

2:42:49

ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, CAN TAKE ACTION IN THE PREVENTION AND

2:42:58

ERADICATION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND IMPUNITY. THEREFORE, THE INTERNATIONAL LEVERS TO FIGHT CORRUPTION HAVE

2:43:07

A CLEAR STRATEGY MANY CRIMINAL POLICIES, AND THEY HAVE TO WORK

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WITH PRIVATE COMPANIES AND THEY HAVE TO BE CLEAR THE KIND OF

2:43:19

EXPORTS THAT THEY DO. THEREFORE, TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT

2:43:24

CORRUPTION IN THE ENTERPRISES REQUIRES JOINT WORK BETWEEN

2:43:30

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR. AND, THEREFORE, THE COOPERATION

2:43:37

IS FUNDAMENTAL FROM THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY, ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT

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AFFECT NEGATIVELY THE PUBLIC POLICY. SO, AS I SAID BEFORE, WHEN YOU

2:43:50

WORK TOGETHER, PUBLIC/PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO

2:43:58

SET UP LAWS TO FIGHT CORRUPTION.

2:44:03

AS I SAID, THIS MERGE OF PUBLIC

2:44:08

INDUSTRY WILL BE ABLE TO FIGHT NOT ONLY CORRUPTION IN THE GOVERNMENT, BUT ALSO IN THE

2:44:15

PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND FOR THE INVESTMENTS. WE COULD NOT LEAVE ASIDE THE

2:44:23

FACT THAT WE NEED TO SET UP

2:44:29

PLATFORMS TO COOPERATE AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL TO FOSTER

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TRANSPARENCY AND BECAUSE THEY CAN BE ADAPTED TO DIFFERENT

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COUNTRIES WE COULD WORK TOGETHER

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AT SHORT AND LONG TERM, AND WE WOULD BE ABLE TO PREVENT

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CORRUPTION IN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SECTOR. IF WE HAVE THIS COMMITMENT OF

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THE PRIVATE SECTOR, WE ARE REDUCING THE RISK OF

2:45:04

INTERNATIONAL CORRUPTION. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, ATTORNEY

2:45:12

GENERAL SALAZAR. AND DARIA KALENIUK, YOU ALLUDED TO TODAY'S SANCTIONS.

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HOW MUCH IMPACT WOULD THAT HAVE? HOW IMPORTANT DO YOU THINK THESE

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SANCTIONS ARE? AND ARE THERE OTHERS WHO YOU THINK ALSO NEED TO BE TARGETED?

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>> THIS PERSONAL SANCTIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY ARE TARGETING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE

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ABUSING THEIR POWER IN ORDER TO PREVENT UKRAINIAN INSTITUTIONS

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FROM CHANGE. AND ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WAS SANCTIONED AND WE WERE CAMPAIGNING FOR SANCTIONING HIM

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IS THE HEAD OF THE A CONSTITUTIONAL COURT OF UKRAINE. THIS PERSON SUGGESTED AND MADE A

2:45:58

DECISION THAT ENTIRE ANTI-CORRUPTION REFORMS WE WERE BUILDING FOR THE LAST SEVEN

2:46:04

YEARS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND HE DIDN'T EXPLAIN WHY. YOU KNOW, THERE ARE MANY CORRUPT

2:46:10

OFFICIALS WITHIN JUDICIAL SYSTEMS, WITHIN PROSECUTORIAL SYSTEMS, WITHIN SECURITY SERVICE

2:46:17

OF UKRAINE WHO ARE THERE JUST TO PREVENT ANTI-CORRUPTION

2:46:23

INSTITUTIONS AND RULE OF LAW FROM SUCCEEDING. AND, YOU KNOW, THEY DON'T LIKE

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TO TRAVEL FOR TO RUSSIA OR TO CHINA. THEY PREFER TO TRAVEL AND MAKE

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SHOPPING IN VIENNA TO STUDY

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IN -- AND TO RECEIVE HEALTH TREATMENT SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY. SO FOR THEM THE REAL PUNISHMENT

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AND THE REAL THREAT IS ACTUALLY

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TO CUT THESE -- FROM THE WEST. AND I THINK IT'S FAIR. IF THEY ARE PREVENTING UKRAINE

2:47:02

FROM FAIR DEMOCRATIC TRANSFORMATION AND FROM JOINING THEIR DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES AND

2:47:08

WELL ESTABLISHED DEMOCRACIES ON THE WEST, THEN THEY SHOULD ALSO LOSE ACCESS TO THE WEST.

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SO THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT, AND I HOPE THAT THE TREASURY WILL KEEP

2:47:19

GOING AND WILL CONTINUE. I AM VERY GLAD THAT THERE IS GLOBAL ACT IMPLEMENTED IN THE

2:47:26

U.S. WHICH ALLOWS US CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVISTS TO SUBMIT

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REQUESTS, TO COLLECT DATA, AND TO ASK THAT TREASURY OR STATE DEPARTMENT TO REACT. THIS REALLY HELPS US, AND WE SE

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THAT IT HAS CHANGE. WE SEE THAT THESE PEOPLE, MORE PEOPLE WHO WOULD WANT TO ABUSE

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THEIR OFFICE ARE AFRAID OF DOING SO. AND, AGAIN, WHAT I HAVE TOLD, WE

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SEE THAT THERE IS LACK OF SUCH A MOVE FROM EUROPE. WE HOPE THAT THIS WILL BE

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CHANGED. I WAS EXPECTING TO HAVE -- TO HEAR SOME COMMITMENTS AND

2:48:06

PERHAPS THEY WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER IN THE SUMMIT OF DEMOCRACIES FROM THE COUNTRIES

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OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT IT'S THE SAME PANEL. SHE IS FROM THE EU MEMBER STATE.

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BUT, YOU KNOW, IN JUNE THIS YEAR WE WANT TO PROVE THAT UKRAINE IS

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ACTU ACTUALLY DEMOCRACY IN ACTION. PRESIDENT BIDEN TOLD THAT DEMOCRACY MEANS ACTION, IT'S NOT

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STATIC. WE BELIEVE THAT UKRAINIAN REALLY DEMOCRACY IN ACTION AND DURING

2:48:36

THE INTERNATIONAL GATHERING WHERE WE WILL REVIEW ALL COMMITMENTS WHICH WERE DONE THIS

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FORUM, DEMOCRACY FORUM TODAY, AND WE SEE HOW THEY HAVE BEENISM MEANTED. AND WE ALSO HOPE THAT ALL THESE

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GREAT ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE STRATEGY, INCLUDING THE NEW

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COMING REGULATIONS FROM THE TREASURY, WILL BE WORKING AND IT

2:49:04

WILL BE OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE ACTUALLY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROMISES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF

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THE STRATEGY, BOTH BY THE U.S. BUT ALSO BY OTHER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR

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JOINING THIS PANEL. YOU HAVE ALL MADE SUCH SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO A BETTER GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING OF

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HOW CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENTS IN DIFFERENT SOCIETIES. THANKS TO OUR HOST, U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY JANET YELLEN,

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WHO BROUGHT EXPERIENCE IN THE FEDERAL RESERVE, THE WHITE HOUSE, THE ECONOMIC COUNCIL THERE, AND NOW THE TREASURY IS

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SO SUITED TO COMBATTING THIS SCOURGE HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD. IT'S CLEAR TO ME, I THINK TO ALL

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OF US TODAY, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO TOGETHER TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD.

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AS A JOURNALIST, I HAVE REPORTED ON THE BEST AND THE WORST OF GOVERNMENTS AND KNOW ALL TOO

2:49:53

WELL HOW CORRUPTION AIN OUR INSTITUTIONS. I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOU TO TAKE TIME TO JOIN US IN THE SEARCH

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FOR SOLUTIONS. IT'S CLEAR WE HAVE WORK TO DO TO CREATE SAFER, MORE EQUITABLE

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SOCIETIES. ALL OF US JOURNALISTS, ELECTED LEADERS, THOSE WORKING IN CIVIL SOCIETY HAVE IMPORTANT ROLES TO

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PLAY, AND I HOPE WE CAN LEAVE TODAY'S CONVERSATION WITH NEW

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DWRDS HOW WE CAN MAKE OUR COUNTRIES BETTER PLACES IN WHICH TO LIVE. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. GOOD DAY.

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♪ >>> HELLO.

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I WANT TO BEGIN BY THANK PRESIDENT BIDEN, VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS FOR INVITING ME TO BE A PART OF THIS SUMMIT.

2:51:03

FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THIS INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT DISCUSSION AND TO ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING

2:51:08

FOR YOUR FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE.

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HEALTHY DEMOCRACIES REQUIRE HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS AMONGST CITIZENS AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

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KEEPING THESE RELATIONSHIPS HEALTHY REQUIRES A CONSTANT COMMITMENT TO LISTENING, LEARNING, AND ALWAYS WORKING TO DO BETTER.

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IT NEEDS AN AUTHENTIC EFFORT TO REACH CONSENSUS, COMPROMISE WHEN

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NECESSARY, AND ACCEPT THAT WE WON'T AND, IN FACT, SHOULD NOT WIN EVERY DEBATE.

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AND IT TAKES HUMILITY TO REALIZE THAT NO SINGLE PARTY OR PERSON HAS ALL THE BEST IDEAS.

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CITIZENS AND THOSE ELECTED TO SERVE MUST ALSO UNDERSTAND THE POINT OF VIEW, THE GOALS
AND THE

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FEARS, OF THOSE WHOM WE DISAGREE.

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THE HEALTH OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONS THEMSELVES DEPENDS ON LISTENING

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TO AND CONSIDERING OTHER PERSPECTIVES. WHAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED IN THE

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U.S. FROM BOTH MAJOR PARTIES IS A STEADY EROSION OF THE BASIC

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STABILITY AND RESPECT THAT'S SO ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTH OF OUR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

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SOME OF THIS IS BY ACCIDENT, AND, UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF IT IS BY DESIGN.

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JUST 11 MONTHS AGO, FOR EXAMPLE, WE SAW OUR PRESIDENT FUEL A CAMPAIGN TO UNDERMINE
AND TRY TO

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OVERTURN THE RESULTS OF A FREE, FAIR, AND LEGAL ELECTION.

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THE ELECTION WAS OVERSEEN BY NON-PARTISAN OFFICIALS ACROSS

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THE COUNTRY, INVALIDATED BY GOVERNORS OF BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES, WHICH PROVED THE
SYSTEM WORKED.

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AND THE VALUES OF DEMOCRACY PREVAILED WHEN TESTED.

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YET WE CAN'T LOSE SIGHT OF THE FACT THAT ONE PERSON'S EGO LED US TO A VERY LOW MOMENT IN

2:53:05

AMERICAN HISTORY. THIS IS A POWERFUL REMINDER OF WHY WE MUST ALWAYS GUARD AGAINST

2:53:15

AUTHORITARIANISM AND THE MANIPULATION OF WOULD-BE DICTATORS FROM BOTH THE RIGHT AND THE LEFT.

2:53:21

IT'S CRITICAL FOR OUR NATION TO HUMBLY REFLECT ON THESE EVENTS

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AND THE MANY YEARS LEADING UP TO THEM AND LEARN FROM IT TO MAKE

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OUR NATION AND ALL DEMOCRACIES MORE DURABLE. BECAUSE DEMOCRACY IS ONLY AS

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STRONG AS OUR COMMITMENT TO IT, AND WE CAN'T LET OUR GUARD DOWN.

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IN HIS FAREWELL TO THE NATION, REPUBLICAN SENATOR JOHN MCCAIN, SOMEONE I GREATLY ADMIRE,

2:53:52

REMINDED AMERICANS THAT THE POWER OF DEMOCRACIES IS IN THEIR RELENTLESSLY OPTIMISTIC

2:53:58

COMMITMENT TO FREEDOM, FAIRNESS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS. HE WARNED, HOWEVER, THAT THESE

2:54:04

SYSTEMS ARE WEAKENED WHEN WE CONFUSE PATRIOTISM WITH TRIBAL

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RIVALRIES THAT HAVE SEWN RESENTMENT, HATRED AND VIOLENCE IN ALL THE CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

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POLITICAL POLARIZATION WHAT SENATOR MCCAIN CALLED TRIBAL RIVALRIES IS ONE OF THE MOST

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GREATEST THREATS TO OUR NATIONS AND OUR ABILITY TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS. WHEN WE STOP LISTENING AND

2:54:32

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER, WHEN WE CAN'T DEBATE ISSUES AND FIND COMMON GROUND AND A PATH

2:54:38

FORWARD, WHEN WE REFUSE TO CONSIDER ANOTHER PERSON'S POINT OF VIEW OR INSIST ONE PARTY OR

2:54:44

POLITICIAN IS ALWAYS RIGHT OR ALWAYS WRONG, WE'RE ERODING CORE DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

2:54:52

AND MAKE NO MISTAKE. OTHER NATIONS WHO DON'T SHARE OUR COMMITMENT TO THE

2:54:57

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE USE THESE FRACTURES TO DESTABILIZE AND DIVIDE US FURTHER.

2:55:08

NOW, TO BE CLEAR, A VIGOROUS AND HEALTHY DEBATE IS A GOOD THING. IT ENSURES THE TOUGH QUESTIONS

2:55:14

ARE ASKED, IDEAS ARE TESTED, AND DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES ARE HEARD.

2:55:22

UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAVE REACHED A TIPPING POINT WHERE POLITICAL DEBATES AND ACTIVISM HAVE TURNED

2:55:28

INTENSELY PERSONAL. SOMETIMES DOWN RIGHT HATEFUL AT A TIME WHEN OUR CHALLENGES ARE

2:55:33

IN DESPERATE NEED OF MORE DIALOGUE AND UNDERSTANDING. THE WORDS OF WAR LIKE ASSAULT

2:55:42

AND ATTACK ARE TWO FREQUENTLY USED AROUND ISSUES LIKE BUDGET CHOICES OR TAX POLICY.

2:55:50

DEBATES ARE OFTEN DESCRIBED AS BATTLES. AND WHEN LEGITIMATE POLICY

2:55:56

DEBATES ARE CHARACTERIZED IN THE TERMS OF VIOLENCE AND WAR, PEOPLE STOP LISTENING AND BECOME

2:56:03

DEFENSIVE, FEARFUL AND ANGRY. THE OPPORTUNITY FOR REAL

2:56:08

DISCUSSION AND COMPROMISE SLIPS

2:56:13

AWAY. TR FRUSTRATION GROWS. THE DIVIDE DEEPENS. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CITIZENS IS POISONED BY

2:56:21

HYPERPARTISANSHIP AND THE DESTRUCTIVE CYCLE OF POLARIZATION REPEATS.

2:56:27

WORSE YET, THIS DIVISIVENESS FUELS HATE AND VIOLENCE.

2:56:34

BUT IN A DEMOCRACY THERE IS ALWAYS HOPE. WE KNOW BY WORKING TOGETHER WE

2:56:39

CAN REVERSE THESE TRENDS. CALVIN COOLIDGE, A REPUBLICAN,

2:56:46

AND AMERICA'S 30th PRESIDENT, WHO GREW UP IN MY STATE OF VERMONT, WISELY SAID, "THE ONLY

2:56:53

WAY I KNOW TO DRIVE OUT EVIL FROM THE COUNTRY IS BY FILLING IT WITH GOOD."

2:57:00

FILLING THE WORLD WITH GOOD CREATED BY HEALTHY DEMOCRACIES IS THE BEST WAY TO GUARD AGAINST

2:57:07

AUTHORITARIANISM. BY EXPANDING LIBERTY AND

2:57:14

JUSTICE, WE SHOW HOW TO ENGAGE IN COMPLEX DEBATES WITH BOTH

2:57:19

CONVICTION AND CIVILITY. IMPROVE THE STRENGTH OF EVERY NATION IN ITS DIVERSITY OF

2:57:26

PEOPLE AND OPINION. DEMOCRACIES ARE A BEACON OF

2:57:32

PERSONAL AND ECONOMIC FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY. THEY CAST A BRIGHT, HOPEFUL, AND

2:57:39

OPTIMISTIC LIGHT, IN STARK CONTRAST TO THE DARK AND OPPRESSIVE REGIMES ELSEWHERE.

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IF WE FOLLOW THIS PATH, IF WE FILL THE WORLD WITH GOOD AND SET

2:57:51

THE EXAMPLE, WE'LL RISE ABOVE THOSE WHO SEEK TO DIM THE BRIGHT LIGHT OF DEMOCRACY AND

2:57:58

DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES WILL FLOURISH ACROSS THE GLOBE. AGAIN, THANKS FOR TAKING PART IN

2:58:05

THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION AND LISTENING TO MY THOUGHTS. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING MORE OF YOURS AS WELL.

2:58:12

I'M NOW VERY PLEASED TO TURN THE FLOOR OVER TO MY FRIEND AND COLLEAGUE GOVERNOR JANET MILLS,

2:58:17

THE GOVERNOR OF THE GREAT STATE OF MAINE. >> HELLO, I'M MAINE'S GOVERNOR

2:58:28

JANET MILLS. GOVERNOR PHIL SCOTT AND I ARE DIFFERENT POLITICAL PARTIES BUT WE ARE PROUD TO WORK TOGETHER ON

2:58:33

MANY THINGS, PERHAPS BECAUSE WE BOTH HAIL IN NEW ENGLAND WHERE OUR TOWNS STILL ENGAGED IN TOWN

2:58:41

MEETINGS. MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITIES, TEACHERS, FIREFIGHTERS, RICH AND POOR, YOUNG AND OLD HAVE AN

2:58:46

EQUAL VOICE AND EQUAL VOTE IN THE DECISIONS OF THE DAY. SOMETIMES IT'S A BIT ROUGH AND TUMBLE, A LITTLE BIT OF

2:58:52

FRICTION, DISCORD AND RIVALRY, BUT IT'S RARELY ABOUT POLITICAL PARTY. IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT POLICY AND

2:58:59

IT'S CIVIL BECAUSE WE KNOW WE'LL RUN INTO EACH OTHER AGAIN THE

2:59:04

NEXT DAY AROUND TOWN. SOMETIMES CITIZENS SIT DOWN AFTER TOWN MEETING AND BREAK BREAD TOGETHER. IT'S PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THAT

2:59:11

TRADITION THAT WE NEW ENGLAND GOVERNORS, THREE REPUBLICANS AND THREE DEMOCRATS, HAVE MANAGED TO

2:59:16

RISE ABOVE PARTY AND WORK TOGETHER THROUGH TROUBLED TIMES LIKE THE CURRENT PANDEMIC.

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THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS ISN'T ALWAYS PRETTY AND IT'S NOT MEANT TO BE EASY. NATIONALLY, THERE IS FIERCE

2:59:29

DEBATE AMONG PEOPLE WITH DIFFERING OPINIONS AND SOME OF IT'S PRETTY ACRIMONIOUS. IT'S THAT ACRIMONY THAT CAPTURES

2:59:35

THE ATTENTION OF THE MEDIA AND THE HEADLINE WRITERS.

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BUT THOSE HEADLINES OFTEN OVERSHADOW THE HARD WORK OF THOSE WHO WORK HAND IN HAND WITH EACH OTHER IN GOOD FAITH TO

2:59:46

REACH COMMON GROUND AND TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS OF THE DAY. THAT'S THE WORK I'LL SO PROUD OF

2:59:53

HERE IN MAINE. DESPITE DISAGREEMENTS, LAWMAKERS

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OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES ARE DEDICATE TODAY MAKING LIFE BEBEFR BETTER FOR THE PEOPLE.
REPUBLICANS, DEMOCRATS AND

3:00:04

INDEPENDENTS IN OUR STATE JOINED TO PASS LEGISLATION THAT I SIGNED INTO LAW TO PROTECT

3:00:09

HEALTH CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS AND REGULATE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. WE
PASSED A BIPARTISAN BUDGET

3:00:15

THAT FULLY FUNDS PUBLIC EDUCATION, HELPS FAMILIES, SMALL BUSINESSES, HOMEOWNERS AND

3:00:20

RENTERS AND SENDS MONEY BACK TO MAINE PEOPLE WHO WORKED DURING THE PANDEMIC. WE
CAME TOGETHER AS DEMOCRATS,

3:00:25

REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS TO ENACT LAWS THAT COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH
CONSERVATION AND

3:00:32

AGGRESSIVE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS PUTTING US ON TRACK TO BECOME CARBON-
NEUTRAL BY 2045,

3:00:38

AND WE CAME TOGETHER TO CREATE THE MAINE CONNECTIVITY AUTHORITY TO EXPAND HIGH-SPEED
INTERNET

3:00:44

AC ACROSS THE STATE, INVESTING MILLIONS IN NEW FEDERAL FUNDING. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT.

3:00:49

TO MAKE BROADBAND ACCESSIBLE AND AFFORDABLE FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE. PEOPLE CROSSED PARTY
LINES TO

3:00:55

GET THESE IMPORTANT THINGS DONE. THAT'S DEMOCRACY IN ACTION. IN MAINE, WE WELCOME AND

3:01:01

ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT BY VOTING AND TO MAKE THAT

3:01:06

EASIER I SIGNED INTO LAW MEASURES FOR ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION AND FOR AUTOMATIC

3:01:13

VOTER REGISTRATION. SAFE ACCESS TO THE BALLOT BOX HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

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BUT LAST YEAR ABOUT 78% OF ALL ELIGIBLE MAINE PEOPLE TURNED OUT TO VOTE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

3:01:26

ONE OF THE HIGHEST VOTER PARTICIPATION RATES IN THE COUNTRY. AND AROUND 60% OF THEM VOTED

3:01:33

ABSENTEE, OFTEN USING OUR NEW SECURE BALLOT DROP BOXES. WE ADAPTED TO PRESERVE OUR

3:01:38

PRECIOUS RIGHT TO VOTE WITHOUT SACRIFICING THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE. HERE IN MAINE AND ACROSS NEW

3:01:44

ENGLAND WE WILL CONTINUE TO BRING PEOPLE OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES TOGETHER TO SOLVE PROBLEMS AND STRENGTHEN

3:01:50

DEMOCRACY. THAT'S A GOAL SHARED BY OUR NEXT SPEAKER, A WOMAN WITH WHOM I WAS

3:01:57

PROUD TO SEVEN WHEN WE WERE BOTH ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF OUR REPRESENTATIVE STATES. SHE SPENT HER CAREER IN PUBLIC

3:02:03

SERVICE ADVOCATING FOR EQUAL RIGHTS AND ENCOURAGING PEOPLE TO STEP INTO THE VOTING BOOTH. AS ATTORNEY GENERAL OF

3:02:09

CALIFORNIA, SHE LED OUR NATION'S EFFORTS TO ENACT MARRIAGE EQUALITY AND PROMOTE EQUAL

3:02:15

RIGHTS FOR ALL. AS A UNITED STATES SENATOR SHE CRAFTED BIPARTISAN LEGISLATION TO SECURE OUR ELECTIONS,

3:02:20

REINFORCING OUR CONFIDENCE THAT THE OUTCOMES OF ELECTIONS ARE FREE AND FAIR. AND NOW AS VICE PRESIDENT, SHE

3:02:27

IS DEFENDING DEMOCRACY HERE AT HOME AND ACROSS THE GLOBE, STANDING UP AGAINST THOSE FORCES

3:02:33

THAT WOULD UNDERMINE, ELIMINATE OR THREATEN THE RIGHT OF EVERYONE TO VOTE.

3:02:38

WHEN THE DAYS ARE DARKEST AND OUR DIFFERENCES SEEM TOO MANY TO

3:02:44

OVERCOME, VICE PRESIDENT KAMALA HARRIS REMINDS US NOT TO LOSE HOPE. SHE REMINDS US THAT THOUGH THE DESIGN OF OUR DEMOCRACY IS OFTEN

3:02:50

TESTED, WE MUST NOT DESPAIR. WE ARE JOYFUL WARRIORS FIGHTING

3:02:55

FOR A BETTER WORLD. SO I AM HONORED TO INTRODUCE OUR VICE PRESIDENT AND A GREAT FRIEND TO DEMOCRACY, KAMALA

3:03:01

HARRIS.

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3:03:16

>> THANK YOU, GOVERNOR JANET MILLS. GOOD TO SEE YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR FRIENDSHIP.

3:03:22

WELL, GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. IT IS AN HONOR TO JOIN LEADERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AS WE

3:03:27

CONCLUDE THE FIRST DAY OF THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY.

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AS I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH MANY OF YOU, I BELIEVE OUR WORLD IS AT

3:03:38

THE START OF A NEW ERA. AN ERA WITH NEW CHALLENGES. AN ERA WITH NEW OPPORTUNITIES.

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AN ERA THAT IS DEFINED BY INTERCONNECTION AND INTERDEPENDENCE. IN THIS NEW ERA, I BELIEVE THAT

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DEMOCRACY IS OUR WORLD'S BEST HOPE. NOT BECAUSE IT IS PERFECT, BUT

3:04:00

BECAUSE OF ITS PRINCIPLES. BECAUSE IT DELIVERS FOR THE PEOPLE.

3:04:06

DEMOCRACY PROTECTS HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROMOTES HUMAN DIGNITY. IT IS A MEANS TO CREATE PEACE

3:04:13

AND PROSPERITY. IT IS A MEANS TO SOLVE OUR GREATEST CHALLENGES FROM

3:04:21

COVID-19 TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS. IT IS, THEN, A PARTICULAR CONCERN, OF URGENT CONCERN, THAT

3:04:30

DEMOCRACY IS PRESENTLY UNDER THREAT AND FOR 15 YEARS HAS BEEN ON THE DECLINE.

3:04:35

AROUND THE WORLD AUTOCRATS HAVE BECOME EMBOLDENED. HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS HAVE

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MULTIPLIED AND CORRUPTION IS UNDERMINING PROGRESS. AND MISINFORMATION IS

3:04:48

UNDERMINING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE. AND SO IT IS INCUMBENT ON EACH

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OF US INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY TO TAKE ACTION.

3:04:58

HERE IN THE UNITED STATES WE KNOW THAT OUR DEMOCRACY IS NOT IMMUNE FROM THREATS.

3:05:06

JANUARY 6th LOOMS LARGE IN OUR COLLECTIVE CONSCIENCE. AND THE ANTI-VOTER LAWS THAT MANY STATES HAVE PASSED ARE PART

3:05:12

OF AN INTENTIONAL EFFORT TO EXCLUDE AMERICANS FROM PARTICIPATING IN OUR DEMOCRACY.

3:05:19

IN OUR DEMOCRACY, IN EVERY DEMOCRACY, A REPRESENTATIVE

3:05:25

GOVERNMENT IS FOUNDATIONAL, AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS FUNDAMENTAL. AND SO, ENSURING EVERY ELIGIBLE

3:05:33

AMERICAN CAN ACCESS THAT RIGHT IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR OUR

3:05:39

ADMINISTRATION AND AN EFFORT THAT I AM PROUD TO LEAD. WE KNOW THAT THE RIGHT TO VOTE

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CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. AT EVERY TURN IT MUST BE

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SAFEGUARDED AND STRENGTHENED. AND SO OUR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

3:05:55

HAS INCREASED ITS EFFORTS TO ENFORCE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS

3:06:01

LAWS, AND OUR EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS TAKING FURTHER ACTION TO STRENGTHEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE. BUT EXECUTIVE ACTION ALONE IS

3:06:06

NOT ENOUGH. OUR CONGRESS MUST ACT.

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RIGHT NOW THERE ARE TWO BILLS BEFORE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS. THE FREEDOM TO VOTE ACT AND THE

3:06:21

JOHN LEWIS RIGHTS ADVANCEMENT ACT. TAKEN TOGETHER, THESE BILLS WOULD HELP TO ENSURE THAT EVERY ELIGIBLE AMERICAN CAN VOTE AND

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HAVE THEIR VOTE COUNTED IN A FREE, FAIR, AND TRANSPARENT ELECTION.

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TODAY AS THE WORLD WATCHES, THE PRESIDENT AND YOU REITERATE OUR

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CALL FOR SWIFT PASSAGE OF THESE BILLS. WE KNOW OUR WORK AT HOME WILL

3:06:46

MAKE US STRONGER FOR THE WORLD. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE STRENGTH

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OF OUR DEMOCRACY IS TIED TO THE STRENGTH OF DEMOCRACIES

3:06:58

WORLDWIDE. AND SO WE ARE EQUALLY COMMITTED TO COMBATTING THREATS TO DEMOCRACY WHEREVER THEY EXIST.

3:07:06

THREATS SUCH AS CORRUPTION,

3:07:12

WHICH COREKROEDS PUBLIC TRUST, S INEQUALITY AND CAN DESTABILIZE NATIONS AND ENTIRE REINS.

3:07:18

MONDAY OUR ADMINISTRATION RELEASED OUR FIRST EVER U.S. STRATEGY ON COUNTERING CORRUPTION.

3:07:24

THROUGH THIS STRATEGY WE WILL DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONSE TO THE TRANSNATIONAL

3:07:29

DIMENSION OF THIS THREAT. WHICH I KNOW FROM MY WORK WITH LEADERS AROUND THE WORLD IS

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CRITICAL. IN ADDITION, BECAUSE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY ARE

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INEXTRICABLY LINKED, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALSO REJOINED THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS

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COUNCIL. TOGETHER WE MUST PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH

3:07:52

DISABILITIES, THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE OF COLOR, THE RIGHTS OF

3:07:58

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, LGBTQ I PLUS RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

3:08:04

IN MARCH I ADDRESSED THE U.N. COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND I WILL SAY WHAT I SAID

3:08:10

THEN. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THE STATUS OF WOMEN IS THE STATUS OF

3:08:17

DEMOCRACY. THE EXCLUSION OF WOMEN IN DECISION-MAKING IS A MARKER OF A

3:08:22

FLAWED DEMOCRACY AND THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN

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STRENGTHENS DEMOCRACY. TO THAT END OUR ADMINISTRATION HAS LAUNCHED THE FIRST STRATEGY ON GENDER EQUITY AND INEQUALITY. WE ARE WORKING TO DEFEND EQUAL

3:08:39

RIGHTS, INCLUDING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, WHICH ARE AT GRAVE RISK HERE IN THE UNITED STATES.

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AND WE ARE WORKING WITH PARTNERS AROUND THE WORLD TO PROMOTE THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN AND

3:08:53

GIRLS. SO I WILL CONCLUDE TODAY WITH A SHORT STORY. SO THIS WEEK, AS WE KNOW, OLA

3:09:01

SCHULTZ TOOK OFFICE AS THE CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY AND THE PRESIDENT AND I LOOK FORWARD TO

3:09:06

WORKING WITH WITH HIM AS WE DID WITH HIS PREDECESSOR. ON THAT POINT, LAST JULY I

3:09:15

WELCOMED GERMAN CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL TO MY RESIDENCE HERE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
WE SPOKE THEN ABOUT THE STATUS

3:09:21

OF DEMOCRACY IN OUR REPRESENTATIVE NATIONS AND AROUND THE WORLD, AND I

3:09:27

MENTIO MENTIONED BELIEF THAT DEMOCRACY IS MARKED BY BOTH ITS STRENGTH AND ITS FRAGILITY.

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IT WAS A THOUGHTFUL AND A POWERFUL CONVERSATION, AND IT WAS ALSO VERY PERSONAL.

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THE CHANCELLOR SHARED WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO LIVE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN, AND I SHARED HOW
THE

3:09:46

CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT INFLUENCED MY UPBRINGING. THOUGH WE GREW UP IN DIFFERENT

3:09:51

TIMES AND PLACES UNDER VERY DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE IMPORTANCE OF DEMOCRACY IN
OUR

3:09:58

OWN LIVES WAS AND REMAINS CLEAR. AS WE ADDRESS THE PRESIDENT

3:10:04

THREATS TO DEMOCRACY AS WE WORK TO PROVE ITS VALUE AND VITALITY

3:10:09

IN THIS NEW AREA, AS LEADERS OF OUR WORLD WE MUST ALL REMEMBER

3:10:17

THAT DEMOCRACY IS NEITHER AN ABSTRACT CONCEPT NOR A STATIC STATE.

3:10:24

DEMOCRACY LIVES IN THE PEOPLE. DEMOCRACY IS THE PEOPLE.

3:10:31

AND DEMOCRACY IS OUR BEST HOPE. SO, AS WE GO FORWARD, LET US DO

3:10:37

THE WORK THAT DEMOCRACY REQUIRES. LET US GO TO WORK.

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LET US DELIVER TOGETHER FOR THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

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RIGHTS, LET US REMEMBER THAT IT IS OUR HUMAN RIGHTS THAT BIND US

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TOGETHER BOTH AS PEOPLE AND AS DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. TO START, I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE

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OF INTRODUCING THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED

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NATIONS, ANTONIO GUTERRES. THE UNITED NATIONS IS CHARGED WITH MAINTAINING INTERNATIONAL

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PEACE AND SECURITY, ADVANCING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, AND PROMOTING IN THE WORDS OF THE

33:59

U.N. CHARTER, RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUAL RIGHTS AND SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES.

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SECRETARY-GENERAL GUTIERREZ UNDERSTANDS THESE SOLEMN

34:12

RESPONSIBILITIES WELL. I HAVE THE GREAT HONOR OF WORKING WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL EACH AND EVERY

34:18

DAY TO PROTECT UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROMOTE TRANSPARENT, ACCOUNTABLE GOVERN ANSWER.

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MR. SECRETARY-GENERAL, WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR REMARKS. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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>> THE VALUES AND IDEAS AT THE CENTER OF ADVANCING DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE ALSO BEEN

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AT THE CENTER OF MY LIFE. THEY ARE NOT ABSTRACT CONCEPTS

34:43

OR ACADEMIC TOPICS. THEY ARE PERSONAL. I HAVE LIVED THEM.

34:51

IN PORTUGAL I SAW THE PRESS NOT ONLY OF SOME CITIZENS BUT PEOPLE IN THE COLONIAL RULE OF AFRICA

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WITH THE BLOODY WAR IN FRANCE THAT LASTED 13 YEARS. AND I UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS LIKE

35:04

TO LIVE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CONSTANT FEAR, TORTURE,

35:10

CENSORSHIP, AND THE WHOLE DENIAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS. I KNOW THE HUMAN SUFFERING THAT

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GOES WITH IT. I DID NOT EXPERIENCE DEMOCRACY UNTIL I WAS 24 YEARS OLD.

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THE PORTUGUESE DEMOCRACY, LIKE ALL DEMOCRACIES, DID NOT JUST

35:25

EMERGE. WE HAVE TO FIGHT AGAINST POWERFUL FORCES IN ORDER TO BUILD A NEW DICTATORSHIP.

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AND I WAS PART OF THAT STRUGGLE, NOT REALIZING SUPPORTERS OF DEMOCRACY IN THE STREETS OF LISBON AND AROUND THE COUNTRY.

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LIKE SO MANY OTHERS, I WAS ENGAGED IN THE FINAL VICTORY OF THE CARNATION REVOLUTION AND

35:43

INVOLVED IN THE CONSOLIDATION OF PORTUGAL'S DEMOCRACY. AS AN ACTIVIST, AS A MEMBER OF

35:51

PARLEMENT, PARLIAMENT AND ULTIMATELY AS PRFPL.

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AND I AM PROUD OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF MY COUNTRY. BUT I KNOW THE EFFORTS ARE A
CONSTANT WORK IN PROGRESS.

36:05

TODAY ON THIS HUMAN RIGHTS DAY I'M DEEPLY WORRIED ABOUT THE RISKS FACING OUR SOCIETIES.

36:11

THE VALUES OF ENLIGHTENMENT ARE THE BEDROCK OF MODERN DEMOCRACIES. IN MANY PARTS OF THE
WORLD, WE

36:16

SEE PEOPLE DRIFTING FAR FROM THOSE VALUES. SOME SEEM TO LIVE IN A POSTEN

36:25

LIGHTMENT ERA. I RARBLT IS GAINING GROUND. WHITE SUPREMACY AND OTHER

36:31

FORMS OF RACISM ARE POISONING SOCIAL COHESION.

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IT IS UNDERMINING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. SCIENCE AND REASON ARE UNDER

36:41

SIEGE. ALL OF THESE ARE LOSING TRUST WITHIN PEOPLE AND DEMOCRATIC LEADERS WITHIN THE
INSTITUTIONS.

36:48

THE ASSAULT ON TRUTH AND FACTS IS BATTLED BY TECHNOLOGY

36:55

NETWORKS DRIVEN BY OUTRAGE AND ANXIETY.

37:00

THE PANDEMIC HAS ADDED EVEN GREATER STRESSES TO THE DEMOCRACY. NOW IT IS TIME TO SHARE
VALUES

37:08

AND DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE. IT REQUIRES DEEPENING SOCIAL DIALOGUE, TACKLING INEQUALITIES,

37:15

COMBATTING RUGZ, INVESTING IN QUALITY EDUCATION, AND EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN AND

37:22

GIRLS. AND IT ALSO REQUIRES A FIRM CONDEMNATION OF POPULISM,

37:27

NATIVISM BY USING ALL THE TOOLS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION.

37:32

THE DIGITAL WORLD MUST BE REGULATED SO THAT IT IS A FORCE FOR GOOD.

37:38

IT'S TIME TO EMBRACE GENERAL PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING.

37:43

THESE PRINCIPLES ARE AT THE HEART OF MY PEOPLE-CENTERED VISION FOR THE FUTURE OUTLINED IN MY REPORT OR COMMON AGENDA.

37:54

DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON PEOPLE BEING SEEN, HEARD, AND UNDERSTOOD, NOT NEGLECTED OR EVEN ABANDONED. AS THEY WERE IN RECENT DECADES

38:01

IN THE RUST BELTS OF THIS WORLD.

38:07

L UNLESS IT IS PROPERLY MANAGED, THERE ARE INTENSIFYING OF ISOLATION AND ALIENATION.

38:14

PEOPLE DON'T NEED LEADERS WHO DARKEN HUMANITY BY STOKING FEAR, INSECURITY AND OUTRIGHT LIES.

38:21

THEY NEED LEADERS WHO SUMMON THE BEST IN US BY HONORING HUMAN

38:26

DIGNITY AND DRAWING ON THE TALENTS, IDEAS OF EVERY PERSON.

38:33

IT IS ESPECIALLY MEANINGFUL AS IT COINCIDES WITH THE

38:39

ANNIVERSARY OF THE FREEDOM STRUGGLE SEEN IN HIS OWN COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND

38:44

THE GLOBE AS A UNITED NATIONS OFFICIALS. RALPH BUNCH REMINDED THE WORLD,

38:50

IN HIS MODERN AGE, THE VIRALITY MAY BE MEASURED BY THE EXTENT TO

38:56

WHICH IT GIVES ITS CITIZENRY A REAL STAKE IN BOTH ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

39:02

END OF QUOTE. IT IS ESSENTIAL TO REAFFIRM HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIL, ECONOMIC,

39:09

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL, TO REINFORCE THE RULE OF LAW, TO

39:14

SAFEGUARD THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, PARTICIPATION AND SOLIDARITY. THE UNITED NATIONS IS AN

39:20

ORGANIZATION THAT INCLUDES ALL THE COUNTRIES AND OF COURSE WITH POLITICAL SYSTEMS VERY DIFFERENT

39:25

FROM EACH OTHER AROUND THE WORLD. BUT THEY HAVE RESOLVED TO COME

39:31

TOGETHER BASED ON THE POWER AND DIALOGUE AND THE VALUES OF THE

39:37

UNITED NATIONS IN ITS STRUGGLE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND FULL RESPECT FOR ALL HUMAN

39:43

RIGHTS. NOW MORE THAN EVER, IT IS TIME TO RECOMMIT THE CHARTER AND OUR

39:49

COMMON PLEDGE TO BUILD A BETTER AND MORE JUST WORLD FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

39:59

>> HELLO, EVERYONE. I AM SO PLEASED TO JOIN YOU FOR THIS PIVOTAL MOMENT FOR DEMOCRACY.

40:07

AS TODAY'S SESSIONS WILL SHOW, PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IS ESSENTIAL TO DEMOCRACY.

40:13

AND YET, AS WE ALL KNOW ACROSS THE WORLD, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS AND CIVIL

40:18

SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, GOES TO THE FRONT LINES FOR THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

40:27

ARE INCREASINGLY UNDER THREAT. THOUGH WE KNOW SOCIETIES THAT PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE HEALTHIER CITIZENS, LESS VIOLENT

40:33

CONFLICT, AND MORE PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES, RIGHTS ABUSES ARE

40:39

WIDESPREAD AND TOO OFTEN CARRIED OUT WITH IMPUGNITY. TODAY'S CONVERSATION WILL SPOTLIGHT TWO LEADERS WHO ARE

40:45

FIGHTING TO BUCK THE TREND, RENEW OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, AND STAND IN

40:51

SOLIDARITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND JOURNALISTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD.

40:57

SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER MAG DA LAY THAT ANDERSON AND DR. ZAID

41:05

AL HUSSEIN. I WANT TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO

41:11

CONGRATULATE PRIME MINISTER AS SWEDEN'S FIRST EVER WOMAN PRIME MINISTER. BEFORE LEADING SWEDEN AS THE PRIME MINISTER, SHE HAD A LONG,

41:18

IMPRESSIVE CAREER AS AN ECONOMIST AND PUBLIC SERVANT. SHE HOLDS NUMEROUS -- HELD

41:24

NUMEROUS ADVISORY POSITIONS, CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR NORDIC INVESTMENT BANK, AND

41:30

MEMBER OF THE ASIAN INFRASTRUCTURE, EUROPEAN BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT, THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK, AND THE WORLD

41:36

BANK, AMONG OTHERS. NOW, SHE TAKES THE HELM OF WHAT HAS LONG BEEN A GLOBAL LEADER IN

41:45

TERMS OF GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION IN

41:50

GOVERNMENT. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY.

41:55

OVER TO YOU. >> LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO OPEN THIS PANEL ON EXPANDING CIVICS BASE,

42:04

EMPOWERING HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, INDEPENDENT MEDIA WITHIN AND ACROSS BORDERS.

42:11

AND I COMMEND PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR HOLDING THIS SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, DEMOCRACY

42:18

SAFEGUARDS THE FREEDOM FOR ALL TO THINK AND SPEAK FREELY.

42:23

IT PROTECTS OUR RIGHT TO ORGANIZE, INFLUENCE, AND QUESTION.

42:28

TO POINT OUR LEADERS IN FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS AND TO HOLD THEM

42:35

ACCOUNT. BUT DEMOCRACY IS NOT SOMETHING YOU HAVE. IT IS SOMETHING YOU MUST WORK FOR CONTINUOUSLY.

42:43

IT DOESN'T EXIST BY DEFAULT. NOR WILL IT DEVELOP BY CHANCE.

42:49

DEMOCRACY GOES HAND IN HAND WITH RESPECT FOR NEW RIGHTS, THE RULE

42:55

OF LAW AND EQUALITY. GENDER EQUALITY AND EQUALITY BETWEEN PEOPLE OF ALL BACKGROUNDS.

43:03

IT CANNOT DEVELOP IN A SOCIETY WITHOUT EQUALITY WHERE PEOPLE CANNOT FREELY EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS.

43:11

AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS A CORRELATION BETWEEN AUTHORITARIAN FORMS OF

43:17

GOVERNANCE, DISREGARD FOR THE RULE OF LAW, AND DISRESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

43:22

UNFORTUNATELY, WE SEE THIS NEGATIVE CORRELATION PLAYING OUT IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD.

43:28

WE SEE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES BEING CHALLENGED. WE SEE THE RULE OF LAW BEING

43:33

ERODED. AND WE SEE HUMAN RIGHTS BEING

43:41

CALLED INTO QUESTION. SIDELINED AND UNDERMINE. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO SEXUAL AND

43:46

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS. THIS TREND HAS BEEN FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY THE PANDEMIC.

43:52

AND BY THE FACT THAT FAR TOO MANY DECISION MAKERS HAVE USED IT TO SUPPRESS OPPOSING VOICES.

44:03

THIS, IN ADDITION TO THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC ITSELF, HITTING

44:08

THOSE THAT ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE THE HARDEST INCREASING ALREADY EXISTING INEQUALITIES.

44:15

AROUND THE WORLD, DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES ARE BEING CHALLENGED AND THE SPACE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

44:22

IS SHRINKING. HUMAN RIGHT DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA WORKERS

44:28

ARE BEING INTIMIDATED, HARASSED, AND SUBJECT TO VIOLENCE FOR

44:33

MERELY EXPRESSING OPINIONS OR REPORTING ON CURRENT EVENTS. THE SAME APPLIES IN SOCIAL

44:40

MEDIA, WHERE HARASSMENTS AND THREATS POSTED. WORKERS ARE BEING DENIED THEIR

44:48

RIGHTS AND REPRESENTATION. LBGTQI PERSONS ARE SUBJECT TO

44:54

VIOLENCE, DISCRIMINATION AND

44:59

STIGMA. THEY ARE MURDERED EVERY WEEK

45:05

GLOBALLY. THESE MUST BE REVERSED. WE MUST ALL DO MORE TO PROTECT AND EXPAND CIVICS BASE.

45:11

WE HAVE DIFFERENT ROLES TO PLAY. AS PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN, LET ME GIVE YOU A FEW CONCRETE

45:16

EXAMPLES OF WHAT MY GOVERNMENT WILL DO. A DIVERSE AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA

45:22

AND STRONG PUBLIC SERVICE BROADCASTING WILL ACHIEVE GREATER SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE

45:27

COUNTRY.

45:32

SUPPORT SPORT INSTITUTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY WILL INCREASE. OUR NATIONAL MINORITIES, CULTURES AND LANGUAGE RIGHTS

45:39

WILL BE REINFORCED AND PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION WILL BE ENHANCED.

45:48

ACTIVITIES THAT COUNTERACT TO PREVENT RACISM WOULD RECEIVE INCREASED SUPPORT.

45:53

SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZED CRIMES WEAKEN SOCIETIES, UNDERMINE THE

45:59

COHESION OF COMMUNITIES AND PAINT OUR DEMOCRACIES. EFFORTS TO COUNTER THIS

46:04

PHENOMENA WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED. AND EARLY NEXT YEAR, HUMAN

46:10

RIGHTS INSTITUTE WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO PROMOTE AND DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS AT NATIONAL LEVEL.

46:16

A DEMOCRACY MUST ENSURE THAT ALL OF SOCIETY CAN PARTICIPATE IN A

46:28

3450E MEANINGFUL WAY, GIVE PEOPLE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AND DUTIES.

46:34

AS AMERICAN EDUCATOR, JOANNE ROBINSON ONCE SAID, PEOPLE THE

46:41

WORLD OVER SHOULD KNOW ANY GROUP, IF GIVEN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND EDUCATION,

46:46

EMPLOYMENT, CIVIL RIGHTS, AND THE LIKE, CAN BE DESIRABLE

46:52

CITIZENS ANYWHERE WITH AS MUCH TO OFFER AS ANY OTHER GROUP.

46:58

THIS, IN MY VIEW, IS THE BEST RECIPE FOR DRIVING DEMOCRACY IN

47:04

ANY COUNTRY, AND I WILL DO ALL I CAN AS PRIME MINISTER TO DEVELOP OUR DEMOCRACY IN THIS SPIRIT.

47:13

SWEDEN WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO ACTIVELY PROMOTE DEMOCRACY ABROAD. WE WILL FURTHER EXPAND OUR

47:20

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH THROUGH THE DRIVE FOR DEMOCRAT SAY. THIS INITIATIVE HAS ENABLED US

47:27

TO REACH APPROXIMATELY 1.7 MILLION INDIVIDUALS WORLDWIDE

47:32

FROM GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS TO GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES. IT IS A FORUM FOR FRANK

47:39

DISCUSSION ON THE CHALLENGES AND HOW TO OVERCOME THEM. WE HAVE INCREASED SUPPORT TO

47:45

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA ACTORS, AS

47:51

WELL AS TO WOMEN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION AND DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION BUILDING.

47:59

AT PRESENT, MORE THAN A QUARTER OF SWEDISH DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE GOES TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY.

48:07

AS THIS YEAR'S CHAIR OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY INCORPORATION IN EUROPE, SWEDEN

48:13

HAS MADE COMMITMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY AND RULE OF LAW.

48:19

THE CORE OF OUR PRIORITIES. WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO GOING

48:24

FORWARD, IN PARTICULAR DURING OUR UPCOMING PRESS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION
IN

48:31

THE SPRING OF 2023. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE

48:36

CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME, WE MUST NOT FORGET THE POSITIVE DEVELOPMENTS. DESPITE
CHALLENGES, DEMOCRACY

48:42

HAS PROVEN RESILIENT. WOMEN'S POLITICAL PARTICIPATION IS INCREASING, HUMAN RIGHTS

48:50

DEFENDERS CONTINUE TO ENGAGE AND MOBILIZE. JOURNALISTS AND OTHER PEOPLE YA

48:57

WORKERS DEFY CHALLENGES TO TELL STORIES AND HOLD POLITICAL LEADERS ACCOUNT.

49:03

NEW TECHNOLOGIES HAVE HELPED TO GROW AND CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS TO

49:09

ADAPT THROUGH ACTIONS EVEN UNDER AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES.

49:17

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HUMAN RIGHTS ARE UNIVERSAL AND APPLY

49:22

TO ALL. WE MUST ALL BE ABLE TO FULLY ENJOY OUR HUMAN RIGHTS, IRRESPECTIVE OF SEX, SEXUAL

49:29

ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION. ETHNIC BACKGROUND, RELIGION OR

49:36

BELIEF, DISABILITY, AGE OR INCOME. THIS IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR ME

49:43

AND MY GOVERNMENT. IN BOTH OUR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN

49:49

POLICIES. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TODAY'S DISCUSSION. LET US SHARE OUR GOOD EXAMPLES

49:54

AND LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. AND LET THIS DISCUSSION BE THE STARTING POINT OF THE YEAR OF

50:00

ACTION WE HAVE AHEAD OF US. TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND EXPAND CIVICS
BASE.

50:05

THANK YOU. . >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, PRIME

50:13

MINISTER, FOR YOUR REMARKS AND FOR SWEDEN'S LEADERSHIP TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS
AROUND THE WORLD. THE UNITED STATES IS GRATEFUL

50:19

FOR OUR ONGOING PARTNERSHIP. AND NOW I'M DELIGHTED TO INTRODUCE THE CEO AND PRESIDENT

50:26

OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE INSTITUTE, DR. ZAID ROD AL HUSSEIN.

50:31

ZAID, IN ADDITION TO BEING A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, IS A TIRELESS CHAMPION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
AND HAS A LONG,

50:38

DISTINGUISHED CAREER FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS CURRENT ROLE.

50:43

HE BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE SERVING AS A POLITICAL AFFAIRS OFFICER IN THE U.N. PROTECTION

50:48

FORCE IN THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA, WHERE I FIRST MET HIM, AND HE

50:54

LATER WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CRIMINAL COURT. IN 2000 AND
AGAIN IN 2010, HE

51:00

SERVED AS JORDAN'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE U.N. WITH

51:05

A STINT AT JORDAN'S AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES IN BETWEEN. IN 2014, HE BECAME THE HIGH

51:12

COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WHERE WE DEMONSTRATED THE COURAGE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SO OFTEN LACKS IN

51:18

CALLING OUT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND THEIR PERPETRATORS. ZAID, GREAT TO SEE YOU. WE ARE HONORED TO HAVE YOU WITH

51:23

US TODAY. AND THE FLOOR IS YOURS. >> THANK YOU, AMBASSADOR POWELL.

51:29

THANK YOU, SAMANTHA. IT IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO BE ADDRESSING THE SUMMIT ON HUMAN

51:36

RIGHTS DAY. AND I THANK PRESIDENT BIDEN WARMLY FOR THE INVITATION AND

51:43

FOR CONVENING IT AND WHAT A PRIVILEGE IT IS FOR ME TO

51:49

FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER ANDERSON WHO I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE MOST WARMLY. LAST WEEK, DAY 4 OF THE WORLD

51:56

CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS WAS ON MY COMPUTER SCREEN WITH THE DUTCH

52:01

GRAND MASTER GEARY PROVIDING COMMENTARY. AT ONE POINT MY MIND WAS ON

52:08

SOMETHING ELSE ENTIRELY. BUT I DID CATCH HIM AND SAY, WELL, IT'S ALL FUN AND GAMES

52:14

UNTIL THEY KNOCK ON THE DOOR. NOW, I DIDN'T HEAR WHAT

52:19

PRECISELY HE WAS REFERRING TO, BUT HIS WORDS HEAVE AND SWAY WITH MEANING.

52:24

INDEED, IT IS ALWAYS FUN EXAMINE GAMES UNTIL THEY KNOCK ON THE DOOR.

52:30

UNTIL YOU ARE HIT AND DRAGGED AWAY IN FRONT OF YOUR CHILDREN WITHOUT A WORD OF EXPLANATION,

52:36

UNTIL YOU ARE STRIPPED OF EVERYTHING YOU ONCE ENNDURED AND

52:42

JAILED WITHOUT HOPE OF RELEASE OR ADEQUATE DEFENSE. YOUR ONLY REAL SO-CALLED CRIME

52:49

WAS THAT YOU DISSENTED OR WERE DECEASED TO HAVE DISSENTED.

52:54

WEALTHY OR POOR, FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD LIVE

53:00

THIS EXISTENCE. THE MAJORITY FROM HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES PUSHED

53:07

BEHIND BECAUSE OF SOME DIFFERENCE OF COLOR, ETHNICITY,

53:12

GENDER, RELEDGE ON, MADE TO FEEL WRETCHED, HUMILIATED ALMOST BY

53:19

GOVERNMENT DECREE. THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER KIND OF KNOCKING, PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN

53:26

HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED AND CONTINUE TO BE BECAUSE OF RACISM, SHAOUF TPHEUFBG

53:32

NATIONALISM AND THE LIKE ARE NOT LIVING THE SAME EXPERIENCES AS THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN

53:40

OVERLOOKED BY GLOBALIZATION OR ADVANCE IN TECHNOLOGY. THEY CANNOT BE EQUATED WITH PEOPLE NOT ALLOWED INTO STORES

53:46

OR MOVIE THEATERS BECAUSE THEY REFUSE VACCINATION. AND THEY'RE NOT THE SAME AS

53:53

FORMALLY PRIVILEGED PEOPLE WHO MUST NOW FACE THE FACT THAT THEY

53:58

ARE SIMPLY EQUAL TO EVERYONE

54:04

ELSE. SHOAF TPHEUFBG BIGOTS WILL OFTEN SPIN THEORIES TO MAKE PEOPLE FEEL VICTIMIZED AND
STOKE

54:14

RESENTMENT WHEN THE NARRATIVES ARE ONLY PARTIALLY TRUE OR COMPLETELY UNTRUE. AND WE
SHOULD KNOW BETTER.

54:22

HISTORY IS NOT A DEBATE WITHOUT END. THE BROADER LINES AND SEQUENCES OF HISTORY ARE
MORE OFTEN THAN

54:30

NOT SUBTLE AND MUCH OF THE BROADER SEQUENCES IS KNOWN. NO ONE ARGUES THE SECOND
WORLD

54:36

WHAT OR DID NOT START ON THE 1st OF SEPTEMBER, 1939.

54:43

WHAT HISTORIANS WILL ARGUE OVER AND WHICH MANY WILL -- AND WHICH

54:49

MAY WELL SEEM IN TERMABLE ARE THE INDIVIDUAL MOTIVATIONS OF THE SEPARATE ACTORS OR THE
FAINT

54:55

LINES DEFINING SOME PARTS OF THE TRUTH. BUT THE BROADER TRUTH IS LARGELY

55:00

KNOWN AND ACCEPTED TO RECONSTRUCT IT ENTIRELY FOR THE SAKE OF PRODUCING A SENSE OF

55:08

MORAL SUPERIORITY AND JUICY RESENTMENT, FEAR AND HATRED TO

55:15

OTHERS IS ABOMINABLE. YES, IT IS ALL FUN AND GAMES, DRAMA, AND SELF-JUSTIFIED RAGE

55:23

UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND HOW PROFOUNDLY YOU HAVE BEEN MISLED BY THOSE WHO MADE YOU THINK YOUR

55:30

BROADER INTERESTS WERE BEING SERVED WHEN YOU WERE NOT THE GUEST OF HONOR.

55:37

YOU WERE THE STAKE. UNTIL THEY MARK ON THE DOOR WITH THAT PERCUSSIVE DRUM BEAT OF

55:44

FASCISM AND THE LIKE IS POWER BASED ON A PARANOIA, A WEAKNESS,

55:50

RESTING ON COMPLETE LIES, PLAYING OF CHESS THAT IS DEVOID OF HUMAN EMPATHY AND THAT HAS

55:57

THAT NO DRAWS. YOU WIN OR YOU LOSE. TO THE REST OF US, THE KNOCK AT

56:02

THE DOOR IS THE CLEAREST INTERSECTION OF WHAT IS FAIR OF ALL THAT MAKES FOR A SOCIETY

56:09

THAT IS JUST THAT HAS VALUE WITH THE MOST VULNERABLE, THE POOREST, THE MOST DISADVANTAGED

56:16

HISTORICALLY ARE PROTECTED. AT THAT POINT WHEN THEY KNOCK AT

56:22

THE DOOR, A DEMOCRACY IS CLOSING, FROM WITHIN, WHERE THE

56:28

POLITICAL CENTER HAVING LARGELY COLLAPSED HAS PROVIDED A GAP FOR THE EXTREME TO ASSERT ITSELF OR

56:35

FOR SOMEONE IN THE MILITARY TO USURP IT. NO DEMOCRACY IS IMMUNE TO THIS.

56:42

ALL STATES REMAIN WORKS IN PROGRESS AND ALL CAN BE DESTROYED BY GROSSLY

56:51

IRRESPONSIBLE POLITICIANS AND THOUGHT-FREE FOLLOWERS. SO WHAT CAN WE DO?

56:56

WE ARE ONE RACE, THE HUMAN ONE, CONFRONTING ONE FATE.

57:02

IT ALMOST GOES WITHOUT SAYING, WE MUST STRENGTHEN EVERYWHERE WE CAN THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE

57:08

JUDICIARY, THE STANDING OF CIVIL SOCIETY, AND THE ROLE OF INDEPENDENT MEDIA.

57:14

THE WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS IS FOR THE HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENTS OF DEMOCRACIES TO

57:20

CALL OUT BY NAME THEIR AUTHORITARIAN-MINDED PEERS ACROSS THE GLOBE, THOSE WHO

57:28

ABUSE OR NEGLECT THEIR OWN PEOPLE, GRIND DOWN THEIR CIVIL SOCIETY, AND UNDERMINE

57:33

INDEPENDENT MEDIA. SADLY, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY

57:39

DOES NOT DO THIS. MY MESSAGE TO THE SUMMIT IS THIS.

57:44

TRY IT. GIVE IT A GO. IT WOULD HAVE A COLOSSAL EFFECT.

57:49

SO LET US MAKE IT ONE OF THIS SUMMIT'S OBJECTIVES. AND WE CAN MEASURE IT, TOO.

57:56

THE LEADERS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MUST SIMILARLY SHOW COURAGE AND BE MORALLY

58:03

CONSISTENT. INTERNATIONAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THE WISDOM AND PAIN OF HUMAN

58:08

EXPERIENCE CAN BE THE GUIDE.

58:14

THIS IS NOT AN EASY PATH, BUT IT IS THE RIGHT ONE. WE MUST TAKE TO IT WHILE ALWAYS

58:20

BEING HUMBLE. AS THE POET PUT IT, IT IS ALWAYS

58:28

A DANGER TO ASK SOMEONE FOR THE PATH WHEN THEY BEGIN TO BELIEVE AND ACT AS IF THE 10,000
IDIOTS

58:36

WHO SO LONG RULED AND LIVED INSIDE HAVE ALL PACKED THEIR

58:41

BAGS AND SKIPPED TOWN OR DIED. I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

59:08

OUR SESSION. WELCOME TO OUR GLOBAL AUDIENCE, AS WE CONTINUE THE DISCUSSION ON
PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS AND

59:14

EXPANDING CIVIC SPACE ON DAY TWO OF THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. I'M DAMON WILSON,
PRESIDENT AND

59:20

CEO OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY. OUR PANEL WILL ZERO IN ON HOW

59:25

THE LEADERS GATHERED AT THE SUMMIT AND POWER HUMAN RIGHTS

59:30

DEFENDERS AND JOURNALISTS. THE ISSUE IS FRONT AND CENTER ON THE AGENDA, GIVEN
DRAMATICALLY CLOSING SPACE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

59:37

IN MANY COUNTRIES. WE ARE WITNESSING MORE LIMITS ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, PRESSURE ON
MEDIA, AND DIGITAL SPACES,

59:45

ADOPTION OF FOREIGN AGENT LAWS, AND MISUSE OF COUNTERTERRORISM

59:51

EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE AND AT TIMES VILIFY CIVIL SOCIETY. DESPITE THIS, WE'VE SEEN

59:56

REMARKABLE RESILIENCE OF DEMOCRATIC ACTORS, SOME OF WHOM ARE WITH US TODAY. WE HAVE A TERRIFIC LINEUP.

1:00:02

FIRST, I WANT TO INTRODUCE OUR HOST WHO YOU'VE HEARD FROM ALREADY, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR

1:00:09

TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND CURRENT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,

1:00:14

SAMANTHA POWER. THROUGHOUT HER CAREER, SHE'S BEEN A POWERFUL VOICE TO STAND

1:00:22

BY CIVIL SOCIETY AND FREE MEDIA AND STAND UP TO AUTOCRATS.

1:00:29

ADMINISTRATOR POWER, OVER TO YOU. >> THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH, DAMON, FOR THAT INTRODUCTION AND FOR

1:00:34

YOUR MANY YEARS OF LEADERSHIP IN PROMOTING DEMOCRACY AND PROTECTING FREEDOM. SINCE THE UPRISINGS OF THE ARAB

1:00:43

SPRING THE WORLD HAS FACED AN ERA OF MASS PROTESTS. FROM 2009 TO 2019, THE NUMBER OF

1:00:50

MASS PROTESTS INCREASED ANNUALLY BY 11.5% EACH YEAR, BUT WHILE SOME COUNTRIES, LIKE MALAWI AND

1:01:00

THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, BOTH REPRESENTED TODAY, HAVE ELECTED GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIVE TO THE PROTESTS

1:01:05

AGAINST CORRUPTION IN THEIR COUNTRIES, OTHER GLIMMERS OF

1:01:10

DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS HAVE BEEN MET WITH ATTEMPTS TO CRUSH CIVIC

1:01:20

SPA SPACE. ROHINGYA AND BURMA ENDURED

1:01:25

ATROCITIES, WHICH FORCED MORE THAN 750,000 PEOPLE TO FLEE THEIR HOMES. TODAY BRUTAL VIOLENCE PERSISTS

1:01:32

AGAINST PRO-DEMOCRACY PROTESTERS AND MEMBERS OF MANY ETHNIC MINORITY GROUPS AS THE COUNTRY

1:01:38

CONTINUES TO SPIRAL INTO CHAOS AFTER THE FEBRUARY 1st COUP. AND AFTER A VERY PROMISING TURN

1:01:46

IN SUDAN PRECIPITATED IN 2019 BY THE LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE OF

1:01:51

WOMEN AND YOUTH, WHO TOOK TO THE STREETS FOR PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS, A MILITARY

1:01:56

TAKEOVER HAS THREATENED TO DERAIL A DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION AND DAMPEN THE PROSPECT OF

1:02:03

CIVILIAN RULE. DESPITE FACING DEADLY VIOLENCE,

1:02:09

SUDANESE PROTESTERS TOOK TO THE STREETS IN RESPONSE, REFUSING TO GIVE UP THE SPIRIT OF REVOLUTION

1:02:14

THAT THEY FOUGHT SO HARD TO UNLEASH. ALTHOUGH THERE'S STILL A LONG WAY TO GO IN SUDAN, THEIR

1:02:20

EFFORTS HAVE PRODUCED SOME RESULTS AND RESTORED HOPE FOR SUDAN'S PATH TO DEMOCRACY.

1:02:28

WHETHER DEMOCRATIC REFORM WAS UNDER WAY IN YOUR COUNTRY OR IT'S MERELY THE HOPE THAT LIVES IN THE HEART OF THE MASSES, ONE

1:02:34

THING REMAINS TRUE, AS YOU SAID, DAMON, CIVIL SOCIETY IS UNDER ATTACK AND CIVIC SPACE IS BEING

1:02:41

WIPED OUT. ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR NONFOR PROFIT LAW, 91

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COUNTRIES, THAT'S NEARLY HALF THE WORLD, HAVE INTRODUCED OR ENACTED NEW LAWS RESTRICTING CIVIL SOCIETY IN JUST THE LAST

1:02:55

FIVE YEARS. MANY OF THEM HAVE USED THE COVER OF THE PANDEMIC AS AN EXCUSE.

1:03:02

SO OUR A STRATEGIES FOR EXPANDING CIVIC SPACE AND DEFENDING HUMAN RIGHTS, LET'S BE

1:03:08

HONEST, THEY'RE NOT WORKING. IN ORDER FOR DEMOCRACY TO PROSPER, WE HAVE TO ADAPT TO AN

1:03:14

EVER-CHANGING LANDSCAPE, WE HAVE TO BUILD FORUMS FOR CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS THAT CAN

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WITHSTAND AUTHORITARIAN OVERREACH. TODAY VERY QUICKLY, I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT FIVE U.S.-LED

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INITIATIVES THAT WILL EXPAND CIVIC SPACE, BOOST FOR THE CHANGE AGENTS ON THE FRONT LINES

1:03:32

AND SHOW GOVERNMENT LEADERS, THOSE WHO RESPECT CIVIC SPACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS, THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SERIOUS ABOUT

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SUPPORTING THEIR PROGRESS. THE FIRST IS CALLED PARTNERSHIPS FOR DEMOCRACY, AND IT ALLOWS

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U.S. AID TO CAPITALIZE ON DEMOCRATIC OPENINGS WITH

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ASSISTANCE THAT WILL INCENTIVIZE FURTHER DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS.

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TRADITIONALLY U.S. AIDS DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE HAS EMPHASIZED MEDIA TRAININGS, ELECTION MONITORING OR RIGHTS

1:04:05

ADVOCACY. THIS IS REALLY IMPORTANT STUFF, BUT WHAT GOVERNMENTS PURSUING DEMOCRATIC REFORMS REALLY NEED,

1:04:11

AND WE HEAR THIS FROM THEM DIRECTLY, IS THE ABILITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT DEMOCRACY CAN

1:04:17

DELIVER FOR THEIR PEOPLE, EVEN MORE THAN DEMOCRACY ASSISTANCE. THEY MIGHT NEED A SHIPMENT OF

1:04:23

VACCINES, A DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM, OR INVESTMENT IN THEIR POWER UTILITY TO KEEP THE LIGHTS ON.

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THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS FOR DEMOCRACY, U.S. AID WILL SURGE ASSISTANCE ACROSS SECTORS TO COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SHOWN A

1:04:37

WILLINGNESS TO FURTHER THEIR OWN DEMOCRATIC REFORMS. WHEN WE SPOT AN OPENING, WE WILL

1:04:43

SEEK TO EXPAND ASSISTANCE IN A COUNTRY'S HEALTH, ENERGY OR

1:04:49

BUSINESS, WHATEVER IS MOST NEEDED. SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT COMMIT TO DEVELOPING AND SUSTAINING

1:04:54

DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS. THE SECOND INITIATIVE, CALLED POWERED BY THE PEOPLE, FOCUSES

1:04:59

NOT ON SUPPORTING THE NGOs AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS WE ARE SO USED TO PARTNERING WITH,

1:05:06

BUT THE OFTEN LEADERLESS MASS MOVEMENTS, MANY POWERED BY WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, AT THE HEART

1:05:13

OF MOST DEMOCRATIC TRANSITIONS. WE WANT TO HELP THE MOVEMENTS WITH THE MOMENTUM TO SHAKE THE

1:05:19

HALLS OF POWER, HELP THEM LEARN FROM EACH OTHER. A YOUTH-LED DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT

1:05:26

IN ONE COUNTRY MIGHT BE UNAWARE OF THE TACTICS THAT LED TO SUCCESSFUL REFORM IN ANOTHER. BOTH MAY BE UNAWARE OF OUTSIDE

1:05:34

EXPERTISE ON HOW TO ORGANIZE, SPREAD THEIR MESSAGES, NAVIGATE LOCAL HURDLES, OR AVOID REGIME

1:05:42

CRACKDOWNS. POWERED BY THE PEOPLE WILL GIVE MOVEMENT LEADERS, ACTIVISTS, CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND

1:05:50

INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS A PLATFORM TO CONNECT AND ACCESS RESOURCES

1:05:55

TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF COLLECTIVE ACTION. THE THIRD INITIATIVE IS THE

1:06:00

LAUNCH OF A SO-CALLED MEDIA VIABILITY ACCELERATOR, WHICH WILL COMPLIMENT PRESIDENT

1:06:06

BIDEN'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT WE WILL PROVIDE SEED MONEY TO LAUNCH THE MULTI-DONOR

1:06:12

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR PUBLIC INTEREST MEDIA. FOR DECADES THE DONOR COMMUNITY AND U.S. AID HAVE ADVANCED

1:06:19

PUBLIC INTEREST MEDIA THROUGH TRAININGS AND REFORMS, BUT ALL THE TRAINING IN THE WORLD WON'T MATTER IF MEDIA OUTLETS AREN'T

1:06:27

FINANCIALLY VIABLE. WE'VE SEEN THAT HERE AT HOME, AS LOCAL PAPERS SHUT DOWN AND LOCAL

1:06:37

NETWORKS ARE GOBBLED UP BY MEDIA CONGLOMERATES, HARMING THE ABILITY TO STAY INFORMED.

1:06:44

THE RISE OF TECHNOLOGY AND AD REVENUE BY TECH COMPANIES HAS

1:06:51

SPAWNED PUBLIC MEDIA. THE MEDIA VIABILITY ACCELERATOR AIMS TO RESPOND TO THIS MOMENT.

1:06:57

WE WILL BRING TOGETHER LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS WITH AN ARRAY OF

1:07:02

EXPERTS WHO HAVE EXTENSIVE INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE TO HELP THEM MAKE THE LEAP TO DIGITAL

1:07:07

PLATFORMS, TO HELP THEM BETTER SERVE LOCAL MARKETS, TO HELP THEM BOLSTER BOTTOM LINES WITH

1:07:13

STRONGER REVENUE, AND TO HELP THEM GENERATE CONTENT THAT KEEPS

1:07:18

AUDIENCES ENGAGED. THE FOURTH INITIATIVE IS U.S. AID'S EMPOWERING ANTICORRUPTION

1:07:24

CHANGE AGENTS PROGRAM. THIS EFFORT WILL HELP ACTIVISTS BUILD COALITIONS AND DESIGN

1:07:30

EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS USING CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH ON

1:07:35

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL CHANGE. IT WILL ALSO EXPAND OUR SUPPORT TO NETWORKS OF INVESTIGATIVE

1:07:41

JOURNALISTS LIKE THOSE WHO CRACKED THE PANDORA PAPERS, AND IT WILL SUPPORT THE BRAVE PEOPLE WHO RISK THEIR LIVES TO EXPOSE

1:07:48

CORRUPTION, WHETHER THAT'S BY HELPING THEM INSTALL GATES AND CAMERAS AT THEIR OFFICE, ACCESS

1:07:54

COUNSELING SERVICES, OR SHORE UP THEIR DIGITAL SECURITY SO THEY DON'T GET HACKED.

1:08:00

OUR LAST EFFORT IS VITAL TO AND WILL REINFORCE THE REST. THE ADVANCING WOMEN'S AND GIRLS'

1:08:08

CIVIC AND POLITICAL LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE. EVEN WITH A MASS OF DATA TO SUPPORT THE NEED FOR WOMEN IN

1:08:16

GOVERNMENT, SHOWING THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS ARE MORE PEACEFUL, LESS CORRUPT, WEALTHIER AND MORE

1:08:21

STABLE, REPRESENTATION IS DISMAL. THE BARRIERS ARE HIGH AND FAR

1:08:26

TOO OFTEN ABUSE, HARASSMENT AND THE THREAT OF VIOLENCE STANDS AS A DETERRENT TO POTENTIAL FEMALE

1:08:35

CANDIDATES. TOO OFTEN WE INVEST IN TRAINING FOR WOMEN TO INSPIRE THEIR POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, BUT WE

1:08:41

DON'T ADDRESS THE POLICIES OR SOCIAL ATTITUDES THAT MAY BAR THEM FROM RUNNING OR THE

1:08:48

HARASSMENT THAT FORCES THEM OFF THE BALLOT. SO THROUGH THIS INITIATIVE, WE ARE GOING TO DO BOTH.

1:08:54

TOGETHER WITH OUR ALLIES, WE ARE GOING TO INVEST IN CIVIC EDUCATION, PEER-TO-PEER

1:09:00

EXCHANGES AND SKILL BUILDING TO CREATE A PIPELINE OF WOMEN LEADERS, WHILE WE WORK WITH

1:09:06

GENDER CHAMPIONS, MALE AND FEMALE ALIKE, TO CHANGE CORRUPT AND DISCRIMINATORY RULES AND

1:09:12

FIGHT ONLINE HARASSMENT THAT HINDERS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP. BY DEVELOPING NEW TOOLS AND

1:09:18

APPROACHES TO ORGANIZE, ADVOCATE AND PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREE EXPRESSION, WE CAN SEIZE

1:09:24

THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY THAT EXISTS IN DEMOCRATIC BRIGHT SPOTS LIKE THE ONES WE'RE ABOUT

1:09:29

TO HEAR ABOUT, AND WE CAN REMIND POWER-HUNGRY AUTOCRATS THAT THE

1:09:38

UNI UNIV UNIVERSE THIRST FOR FREEDOM WILL

1:09:44

NOT BE EXTINGUISHED. >> MANY THANKS FOR THAT CALL TO ACTION, FOR LAYING OUT THE

1:09:49

SPECIFIC INITIATIVES THAT ARE BASED IN THE NEEDS OF ACTIVISTS. I NOW WANT TO INTRODUCE A

1:09:55

REMARKABLE PANEL.

1:10:00

PRESIDENT LUIS ABINADER AND

1:10:07

LAZARUS CHAKWERA, AND WE ALSO HAVE SHERRILYN IFILL, PRESIDENT OF THE NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE FUND.

1:10:14

IRENE KAHN, UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR FREEDOM

1:10:23

OF EXPRESSION. SWE WIN, CO-FOUNDER AND EDITOR-IN-CHIEF OF THE NEW

1:10:28

SERVICE MYANMAR NOW, FORCED INTO COMPILE AFTER THE COUP IN BURMA.

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AND MOHAMED ZAREE, FROM THE E

1:10:40

SQUIPGZ DIRECTOR, CAIRO INSTITUTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS STUDIES, WHO IS CURRENTLY SUBJECT TO A TRAVEL BAN.

1:10:45

WE'LL BEGIN OUR CONVERSATION ON HOW DEMOCRACIES CAN BETTER PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN

1:10:52

RIGHTS DEFENDERS, CIVIL SOCIETY AND INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS.

1:10:59

LET ME TURN TO PRESIDENT ABINADER, YOU ARE THE FIRST IN

1:11:04

16 YEARS AS A RESULT OF A DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT AND DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION. YOU EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND THE

1:11:10

IMPORTANCE OF FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS AND ASSEMBLY AND ASSOCIATION. HOW CAN ELECTED GOVERNMENTS PROTECT AND HELP

1:11:17

INSTITUTIONALIZE THESE FREEDOMS? AND LET ME ASK PRESIDENT

1:11:22

CHAKWERA AT THE SAME TIME, YOUR ELECTION FOLLOWING A LANDMARK

1:11:28

JUDICIAL RULING REPRESENTS A DEMOCRATIC BREAKTHROUGH. PRIOR TO THE 2020 ELECTION,

1:11:34

CIVIL EXPRESSION WAS UNDER ATTACK IN MALAWI. YOU, YOURSELF WERE TEAR GASSED. NOW YOU ARE SETTING A NEW TONE,

1:11:40

A NEW APPROACH. SO WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR DEMOCRATIC LEADERS ON HOW TO EXPAND SPACE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY,

1:11:46

PROTECT PEACEFUL PROTESTS, AND PROVIDE FOR INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE, ESPECIALLY FOR

1:11:52

WOMEN? OVER TO YOU, PRESIDENT ABINADER.

1:12:03

>> THANK YOU, DAMON, AND GOOD DAY TO ALL THE PARTICIPANTS.

1:12:10

PRESIDENT CHAKWERA, SAMANTHA POWER, AND EVERYONE ELSE PRESENT IN THE SESSION.

1:12:16

LET ME START BY REMEMBERING THAT TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE 73rd

1:12:22

ANNIVERSARY OF THAT MOMENTOUS DOCUMENT, THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

1:12:28

THE RIGHTS PROCLAIMED IN THIS DECLARATION ARE PRECISELY AT THE HEART OF THE THEME OF THIS

1:12:35

SUMMIT. ON THE ISSUE OF THE ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT, I WANT TO THANK YOU, DAMON, FOR

1:12:41

SPONSORING A YOUTH PANEL ON THAT SUBJECT DURING THE SUMMIT. THIS ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE

1:12:50

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, COSTA RICA AND PANAMA, REAFFIRM THE COMMITMENT OF OUR GOVERNMENTS TO

1:12:56

STRENGTHEN REGIONAL CORPORATIONS, DEMOCRATIC STABILITY, ECONOMIC GROWTH.

1:13:02

I WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE SITUATION OF HAITI, WHERE

1:13:07

VIOLENCE, HUNGER AND INSTITUTIONAL CRISIS HAVE GREATLY AFFECTED CIVIC SPACES.

1:13:13

I URGE THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO WORK WITH THE HAITIAN AUTHORITIES TO HELP THEM

1:13:20

ESTABLISH CONTROL OF THE SITUATION SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN

1:13:26

RIGHTS. NOW, IN REGARD TO THE SUBJECT OF THIS PANEL, I WOULD LIKE TO START BY SAYING THAT BEYOND THE

1:13:32

POLITICAL SYSTEM, DEMOCRACY IS A FORM OF POLITICAL RELATION. POLITICAL RELATION BETWEEN THE

1:13:38

STATE AND ITS CITIZENS, AND BETWEEN THE CITIZENS THEMSELVES.

1:13:43

IT'S A RELATION THAT DRIVES TO SEEK FREEDOM, EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL, AN AMOUNT THAT

1:13:51

IS ESSENTIAL FOR A VIBRANT DEMOCRACY, IF ACTIVE CIVIC

1:13:56

PARTICIPATION IS IN THE PUBLIC, ESPECIALLY THROUGH A FREE MEDIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

1:14:01

THAT UPHOLD AND DEFEND HUMAN

1:14:07

RIGHTS. CIVIC SPACES ACHIEVE TWO GOALS IN DEMOCRACY. ONE, THEY CREATE CHANNELS FOR

1:14:14

DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION THAT EXPOSE THE DIVERSE

1:14:20

INTERESTS, NECESSITIES, PROBLEMS, HOPES, AND ASPIRATION OF THE PEOPLE.

1:14:29

TWO, THEY GENERATE A PROACTIVE CITIZENRY THAT SURVEYS AND CONTROLS THE GOVERNMENT.

1:14:34

IN THIS SENSE, I AGREE WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF A HEALTHY

1:14:40

DEMOCRACY LIES IN THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSTANT FLUX OF INFORMATION THAT ALLOWS FOR

1:14:45

THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON THE REAL NEEDS OF ITS

1:14:50

CITIZENS, AND TO BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE DECISIONS.

1:14:58

AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES, SOONER OR LATER BACK THEMSELVES INTO A CORNER, DUE TO THEIR

1:15:04

WILLINGNESS -- UNWILLINGNESS, EXCUSE ME, TO LISTEN TO PUBLIC OPINION. IN PARTICULAR, TO DISSIDENT

1:15:10

VOICES, AS WELL AS EVIDENCE-BASED PROPOSITIONS THAT GO AGAINST THE PERSONAL OR

1:15:16

POLITICAL INTERESTS OF ITS LEADERS. THE BEST GUARANTEE FOR DEMOCRACY

1:15:22

BASED ON THE RULE OF LAW IS AN ACTIVE AND VOCAL CITIZENRY, A

1:15:27

FREE MEDIA, AND A ROBUST CIVIL SOCIETY, WILLING TO PUSH THE BOUNDARIES OF DEMOCRACY FOR

1:15:34

GREATER INCLUSION AND BETTER REPRESENTATION OF ITS PEOPLE. THIS IS NOT ALWAYS EASY.

1:15:42

SOCIETIES CHANGE, AND THEY CHANGE AND SOMETIMES CHALLENGE

1:15:48

OUR BELIEF. BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT A TRUE DEMOCRACY

1:15:53

IS ONE IN WHICH WE CAN ALL LIVE WITH DIGNITY AND EQUAL FREEDOM.

1:16:00

WHEN DEMOCRACIES BECOME DEAF, PEOPLE BECOME DISENCHANTED,

1:16:07

APATHETIC, AND USUALLY TURN TO POPULUS LEADERS AND DEMIGODS.

1:16:16

THIS GRAVE SOCIAL ILL IS TO ENGAGE AND ENCOURAGE CRITICAL

1:16:22

MEDIA, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN GENERAL, SO THAT EVERYONE KNOWS THAT THEIR

1:16:29

DEMANDS CAN BE HEARD THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

1:16:39

THIS IS WHAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS ACHIEVED OVER THE

1:16:44

LAST DECADES. WE HAVE SEEN AN ACTIVE SOCIETY MORE WILLING TO ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE AND FIND SOLUTIONS TO

1:16:50

POLITICAL CRISIS THROUGH COMPROMISE. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THOSE

1:16:57

COMMENTS. LET ME TURN TO PRESIDENT CHAKWERA, PLEASE, OVER TO YOU.

1:17:02

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, DAMON

1:17:11

WILSON. I WANT TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR THE FACT THAT I CAN PARTICIPATE

1:17:17

AND TELL MALAWI'S STORY. MALAWI'S STORY OF CIVIC

1:17:23

MOVEMENTS IS REMARKABLE AND ALMOST HARD TO BELIEVE. IN 2019 WE HAD AN ELECTION IN

1:17:28

WHICH I RAN FOR PRESIDENT, BUT WITHIN HOURS OF CASTING VOTES,

1:17:38

MY ELECTION MONITORS HAD MASSIVE TAMPERING OF RESULT SHEETS USING CORRECTION FLUID.

1:17:44

I IMMEDIATELY HAD A PRESS CONFERENCE TO EXPOSE THE FRAUD, AND THAT PRESSER WAS THE

1:17:50

BEGINNING OF OUR FIGHT AGAINST SYSTEMIC CORRUPTION.

1:17:55

SO MY FIRST ADVICE TO NEW DEMOCRATIC LEADERS, THE PRESS AND MEDIA NEED TO BE THE FIRST

1:18:03

TO BE INVITED INSIDE YOUR GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS. EVEN WHEN I GOT INTO OFFICE, I

1:18:09

PUT THIS PRINCIPLE INTO EFFECT BY INVITING THE PRESS TO COME EVERY WEEK TO HEAR FIRST-HAND

1:18:16

INFORMATION ON THE OPERATIONS OF MY OFFICE. RECENTLY WE HAVE DONE THE SAME AT THE
MINISTER OF INFORMATION

1:18:22

TO ENSURE THAT EVEN THOSE STATE

1:18:29

BUSINESSES ARE TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE. IF THE PRESS CORPS IS HAVING TO

1:18:35

BEG FOR ACCESS TO THE CORRIDORS OF POWER AND PUBLIC OFFICERS,

1:18:42

THEN YOUR GOVERNMENT IS TOO CLOSED, AND CLOSED GOVERNMENTS ALWAYS SHRINK THE CIVIC
SPACE

1:18:47

BECAUSE CLOSED GOVERNMENTS DO NOT HEAR THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE ENOUGH TO VALUE THAT
VOICE.

1:18:53

MY SECOND ADVICE TO NEW LEADERS IS TO SURROUND YOURSELF WITH PEOPLE WHO WILL REMIND
YOU THAT

1:18:59

CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS ARE A KEY PARTNER TO HELP YOU MAKE

1:19:06

BETTER DECISIONS. THEY ARE NOT YOUR ENEMIES TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON OR SHOWN WHO IS

1:19:13

BOSS WHEN THEY PROVIDE YOU WITH CHECKS AND BALANCES. INVITE THEM IN FOR DIALOGUE AS

1:19:21

PARTNERS IN GOOD GOVERNANCE. WHEN THEY WANT TO DRAFT A NEW

1:19:27

WIDELY SUPPORTED PETITION, INVITE THEM IN AS PARTNERS IN DEVELOPMENT AND FIND OUT WHAT

1:19:34

SUPPORT THEY NEED TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS WITHOUT HARM OR FEAR FOR DIALOGUE AS
PARTNERS IN

1:19:40

GOOD GOVERNANCE. WHEN THEY SPEAK OUT ON BEHALF OF VULNERABLE GROUPS LIKE WOMEN AND
CHILDREN, INVITE THEM IN AS

1:19:48

PARTNERS TO HEAR THEIR IDEAS ON INCLUSION AND HOW TO CIVIC

1:19:55

EDUCATE THE COUNTRY. SO IN SHORT, MY ADVICE TO NEW LEADERS IS THAT YOU REALLY ONLY HAVE
TWO CHOICES WHEN IT COMES

1:20:03

TO CIVIL SOCIETY. THE PRESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN YOUR COUNTRY.

1:20:10

YOU CAN EITHER BE INVITATIONAL, OR YOU CAN BE CONFRONTATIONAL.

1:20:16

AND I HAVE FOUND THAT WHAT EXPANDS THE CIVIC SPACE IS

1:20:22

INVITING THE CIVIC SUPPORTERS IN REGULARLY, INTENTIONALLY, AND

1:20:29

RESPECTFULLY, AS WELL AS SPEAKING HIGHLY OF THEIR ROLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. JUST THIS PAST WEEK THERE WERE

1:20:36

PROTESTS IN PARTS OF MALAWI AND

1:20:41

WE INVITED THE LEADERS IN TO HEAR THEIR IDEAS SO THAT WE COULD PUT THEM TO GOOD USE.

1:20:48

THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MR. PRESIDENT. I LOVE THAT, INVITATIONAL, NOT

1:20:54

CONFRONTATIONAL. I NOW WANT TO BRING IN HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND JOURNALISTS WHO EPITOMIZE BOTH THE

1:21:01

RESILIENCE AND CHALLENGES TO CIVIC SPACE WE'RE DISCUSSING. I'LL TURN FIRST TO SWE WIN AND

1:21:07

IRENE KAHN. YOU PERSONIFY AN EXTREME VERSION OF THE PRESSURES THAT MANY

1:21:12

JOURNALISTS FACE. YOU SERVED SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON, FACED TRUMPED-UP

1:21:20

CHARGES, WERE HELD AT GUN POINT, ALL TO SILENCE YOUR VOICE.

1:21:25

HOW DOES THAT ILLUSTRATE THE BROADER CHALLENGES FACING JOURNALISTS TODAY? AND IF I MAY, MS. KAHN, THE

1:21:33

URGENCY OF YOUR WORK IS UNDERSCORED BY THE FACT THAT ONLY IN ONE OUT OF TEN CASES ARE THE CULPRITS RESPONSIBLE FOR

1:21:39

KILLING A JOURNALIST BROUGHT TO JUSTICE, ACCORDING TO UNESCO.

1:21:47

SO WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES, AND HOW DO YOU VIEW THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY

1:21:57

WITH REGARD TO ONLINE HARASSMENT? >> THANK YOU, PRESIDENT JOE

1:22:05

BIDEN, THANK YOU TO THE OFFICIALS FOR ORGANIZING THIS SUMMIT. LIKE MANY GENERATIONS IN OUR

1:22:12

COUNTRY, I GREW UP IN A SOCIETY

1:22:26

OF -- EVEN BEFORE WE HAD DEMOCRACY, WE WERE ALREADY

1:22:33

LONGING FOR ALL THESE VALUES.

1:22:39

WE WERE THROWN INTO JAIL ON VARIOUS POLITICAL CHARGES.

1:22:45

I WAS AT THE AGE OF 20, IN PRISON I WITNESSED MYSELF AND

1:22:51

OTHERS BEING TORTURED AND STARVED. AS A RESULT OF THE EXPERIENCES,

1:22:57

I WAS LATER ABLE TO HELP IN MY

1:23:04

SOCIETY, WHETHER THE RESULT OF POLITICAL PROSECUTION OR

1:23:10

IRRATIONAL NATIONALIST ACTIVITIES. I FOCUSED ALL MY ENERGIES ON

1:23:15

THESE ISSUES AND PEOPLE SUFFERING IN GENERAL SINCE I BECAME A JOURNALIST MORE THAN A

1:23:21

DECADE AGO. AFTER THE LATEST COUP IN OUR

1:23:26

COUNTRY, NEWSROOMS WERE RAIDED, LICENSES WERE REVOKED,

1:23:33

JOURNALISTS WERE THROWN INTO JAIL AND ALL KINDS OF MEDIA

1:23:39

ACTIVITY CARRIES RISK OF IMPRISONMENT AND TORTURE. YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO HOLD A

1:23:46

CAMERA, YOU AREN'T ALLOWED TO CONDUCT ANY INTERVIEWS. THE IDENTIFICATION AS A

1:23:51

JOURNALIST IS ENOUGH FOR SOMEBODY TO BE JAILED ON CHARGES OF TREASON.

1:24:00

RECENTLY THEY HAVE CONFISCATED

1:24:07

PAPERS FROM JOURNALISTS AND IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS. MORE SERIOUSLY, THE EFFORTS TO

1:24:12

INSTILL FEAR IN THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE THROUGH CAMPAIGNS AND

1:24:18

TORTURE AND KILLING HAVE BEEN DISCOURAGING MANY PEOPLE TO SPEAK WITH THE MEDIA,
CRUSHING

1:24:23

THE INDEPENDENT MEDIA AND

1:24:31

PROPAGANDA, AND DEMOCRACY.

1:24:37

DEMOCRACY IS UNIVERSAL, THE PERSECUTION OF INDEPENDENT MEDIA IN CIVIL SOCIETY IS VERY
MUCH

1:24:44

UNIV UNIVERSAL. TO ME, DEMOCRACY IS NOT JUST

1:24:50

SUPPORTING A SYSTEM, IT MEANS PEACE, IT MEANS SELF-DIGNITY,

1:24:56

EQUALITY AND JUSTICE. MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR ME AND FOR EVERYONE WHO LOVES

1:25:01

DEMOCRACY, EACH AND EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAVE TO INTEGRATE VALUES WITHIN OURSELF AND NEVER

1:25:07

LET OURSELF GET BLINDED BY ANY KIND OF DOGMA OR IDEAS NOT

1:25:17

CONDUCTIVE TO THE WEBBING OF OUR SOCIETY AND PLANET. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT

1:25:24

STORY. REALLY POWERFUL. MS. KAHN, MAY WE BRING YOU INTO THE CONVERSATION?

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>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO JOIN YOU. RIGHT NOW AS I SPEAK, TWO ARE IN

1:25:42

STOCKHOLM TO RECEIVE THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE THIS YEAR. THIS AWARD IS A RECOGNITION, OF

1:25:48

COURSE, OF THEIR COURAGE, BUT IT IS ALSO A SIGNAL TO THE REST OF US AROUND THE WORLD THAT MEDIA

1:25:55

FREEDOM NEEDS OUR URGENT ACTION. JOURNALISTS AROUND THE WORLD ARE

1:26:02

HARASSED, THREATENED, KIDNAPPED, TORTURED, IMPRISONED AND KILLED,

1:26:08

JUST FOR DOING THEIR WORK. THIS YEAR ALONE, OVER 24

1:26:14

JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN KILLED, A NUMBER OF OTHERS WHERE THEIR DEATHS ARE UNCERTAIN, BUT LIKELY

1:26:20

TO BE FOR THEIR PROFESSION, AND 293 JOURNALISTS HAVE BEEN

1:26:27

IMPRISONED. THIS ACTION, OF COURSE, THE ATTACKS HAVE ONLY ONE OBJECTIVE, AND THAT IS TO CENSOR SPEECH,

1:26:35

CENSOR JOURNALISM, TO SILENCE THOSE WHO ARE BEING ATTACKED,

1:26:40

BUT ALSO TO CHILL OTHERS AND DRIVE FEAR INTO THEM.

1:26:47

THAT'S ONLY ONE WAY. THERE ARE OTHER MEANS BY WHICH, OF COURSE, JOURNALISTS ARE ALSO

1:26:53

BEING THREATENED. WE HAVE SEEN RECENTLY THE STORIES OF THE SURVEILLANCE, ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE THAT IS

1:27:00

TAKING PLACE IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, AND I'M VERY PLEASED THAT THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

1:27:05

HAS ACTED RAPIDLY TO BLACK LIST TWO OF THE COMPANIES, BUT THERE

1:27:10

ARE MANY MORE OUT THERE, AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTS, THAT NEED TO BE BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT FOR THIS. THE THIRD ELEMENT I WOULD ALSO

1:27:17

SAY IS WEAPONIZING THE LAW. JOURNALISM IS BEING

1:27:22

CRIMINALIZED. ONLY LAST YEAR 22 COUNTRIES ADOPTED LAWS UNDER THE GUISE OF

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COVID-19 TO BASICALLY CENSOR SPEECH. FAKE NEWS LAWS, AS THEY'RE CALLED. FOURTH, RIGHT TO INFORMATION IS

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BEING ERODED. JOURNALISTS ARE FINDING IT INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO ACCESS INFORMATION, AND THEN, OF

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COURSE, THERE IS -- BY THOSE IN

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POSITIONS OF POWER, SINGLING OUT JOURNALISTS TO UNDERMINE THEIR

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CREDIBILITY IN THE PUBLIC EYE, AND THEN, FINALLY, I WANT TO UNDERLINE MEDIA CAPTURE, WHERE

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MEDIA OUTLETS, INDEPENDENT MEDIA OUTLETS ARE DISAPPEARING. THEY'RE BEING BOUGHT OUT AND

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TURNED INTO MEDIA INFORMATION MONOPOLIES, AND THAT IS AN

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EXTREMELY DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENT. DISINFORMATION IS ON THE RISE. WE KNOW THAT IN THE DIGITAL AGE. AND THE BEST MEDICINE, THE BEST

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ANTIDOTE FOR DISINFORMATION, IS ACTUALLY MEDIA, FREE,

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INDEPENDENT, DIVERSE, PLURALISTIC MEDIA. BUT MORE AND MORE WE SEE THAT BEING WIPED OUT, EVEN IN

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. WE SEE AUTHORITARIAN TRENDS.

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RESA'S CASE, OF COURSE, IS A PERFECT ONE WHERE SHE ACTUALLY

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FACES CHARGES OF CRIMINAL DEFAMATION THAT WOULD PUT HER IN PRISON FOR 100 YEARS IF SHE WAS

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CONVICTED. AND SHE IS JUST ONE CASE. THERE ARE MANY MORE THAT WE DO NOT HEAR ABOUT.

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DEMOCRACY IS THE -- SORRY, MEDIA FREEDOM IS THE OXYGEN OF DEMOCRACY, AND WE NEED TO KEEP

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THAT OXYGEN FLOWING IF WE WANT TO SEE DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS,

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PEACE AND STABILITY FLOURISH. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, IRENE. YES, WE WERE CHEERING ON THE

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JOURNALISTS ACCEPTING THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TODAY IN STOCKHOLM.

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IRENE BEGAN TO LAY OUT SOME OF THE RESPONSES. I WANT TO BRING IN MOHAMED ZAREE

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AND SHERRILYN IFILL. YOU'VE DISCUSSED THAT RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS ESSENTIAL FOR A STABLE POLITICAL SYSTEM.

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT? HOW DOES THAT APPLY ACROSS THE MIDDLE EAST AND WHAT TRENDS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN CIVIL SOCIETY DO

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YOU SEE ACROSS THE REGION? AND I ALSO WANT TO ASK ABOUT

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TRENDS, BUT TAKING A LOOK AT HOME. PRESIDENT BIDEN HAS UNDERSCORED THAT LEADERSHIP ABROAD IS LINKED TO RENEWAL AT HOME.

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COULD YOU GIVE OUR AUDIENCE SOME PERSPECTIVE ON HOW BROAD SOCIAL

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MOVEMENTS HAVE SERVED AS CATALYSTS

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LISTS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND WHERE DO YOU SEE THE POSSIBILITY FOR CITIZEN-LED CHANGE IN THE

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UNITED STATES TODAY? MR. ZAREE, OVER TO YOU. >> THANK YOU.

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FIRST, THANKS TO PRESIDENT BIDEN

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FOR HAVING ME. THANK YOU, MR. WILSON. I WOULD START BY RESPECTING

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HUMAN RIGHTS, HAND IN HAND WITH STABILITY. IT COMES AS NO SURPRISE THAT THE MOST UNSTABLE REGION IN THE

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WORLD IS ALSO ONE OF THE LATEST DEMOCRATIC AND DOES NOT RESPECT

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HUMAN RIGHTS. EVEN TUNISIA IS BACKSLIDING,

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WHILE SUDAN IS IN YET ANOTHER

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CRISIS. DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION IN COUNTRIES ACROSS THE REGION, FAILED MISERABLY IN WAKE OF MASS

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PROTESTS AND MOVEMENTS CALLING FOR DIGNITY AND JUSTICE, AND WE MUST ASK OURSELVES WHY THIS

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HAPPENED. IN MY OPINION, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WAS OBSESSED WITH RESTORING ORDER MORE THAN

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SUPPORTING DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION. FOREIGN POLICY ACCELERATED,

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ACTUALLY, IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS AND THE GLOBAL

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WAR ON TERROR FORCED STABILITY.

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES TAKE THAT TOWARD THE REGION

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TODAY. THE COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS SUPPORTED

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AUTHORITARIANISM, OFTEN IN THE NAME OF COUNTERTERRORISM OR

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MILITARY AND SECURITY OPERATION OR IN THE NAME OF CONTROLLING MIGRATION. THIS INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT HAS

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ASSUMED THE FORM OF POLITICAL BACKING THROUGH RECOGNITION, PRAISE AND WHITEWASHING

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AUTHORITARIAN POLICY AND HUMAN RIGHTS CRIMES, DIRECT AND INDIRECT, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE,

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INCLUDING FINANCIAL INSTITUTES AND THROUGH THE SELLING OF ARMS OR MILITARY POLICE EQUIPMENT AND

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CYBER ESPIONAGE TECHNOLOGY, OFTEN USED FOR DEMOCRACY

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ADVOCATES AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

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THIS IS BEING USED IN THE REGION AS PRETEXT TO CRACKDOWN ON

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PEACEFUL DISSENT AND CONSOLIDATED POWER. IN DOING SO, THE GOVERNMENTS

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EFFECTIVELY ERODE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SPACES AS A BUFFER ZONE,

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AS A BUFFER AGAINST RADICALIZATION AND CIVIL CONFLICTS. TAKE FOR EXAMPLE, SAUDI ARABIA,

1:33:15

EGYPT AND ISRAEL. TWO WEEKS AGO ORGANIZATIONS THAT I REPRESENT, THE CAIRO

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INSTITUTE, HOSTED A FORUM TO THE SUMMIT. MORE THAN 20 HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS FROM ACROSS THE REGION

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GATHERED TO DISCUSS THE SUMMIT, WHAT THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY SHOULD DO. THE MESSAGE IS CLEAR AND SIMPLE

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AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY IT. IN ORDER FOR THIS SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY TO GENERALLY FOSTER

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THE GROWTH OF DEMOCRACY AND SUCCESSFULLY STAND AGAINST THE

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INSURGENTS OF AUTHORITARIANISM, THE STATES INDICATED PROMOTION

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AND PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY AND RIGHTS BASED GLOBAL ORDER MUST ADOPT A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THE FOREIGN POLICY.

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THIS APPROACH HAS THREE THINGS, DEMOCRACY, AND INSTEAD IT WAS IN

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A FRAMEWORK THAT IS EQUAL IN

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IMPORTANCE TO THE ISSUE OF STABILITY AND SECURITY. YOU STILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO IMPLEMENT THIS THROUGH NEW

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TARGETED POLICIES TOWARD EGYPT, LIBYA, YEMEN, SAUDI ARABIA AND

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ISRAEL. PARTICIPANTS IN THE SUMMIT EMPHASIZED THAT THE

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SECURITIZATION OF FOREIGN POLICY IS ESSENTIAL IN THE STEP TOWARD MAKING THE SHIFT TO POLICIES THAT SUPPORTED DEMOCRACY AND

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ENCOURAGED GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SUCH WOULD INCLUDE DOWNSIZING ASSISTANCE

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DIRECTED TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS INDICATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND ADDITIONALLY ALL FORM OF

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ASSISTANCE WILL BE SUBJECT TO STRICT ADHERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS STANDARDS.

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FINALLY, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD MOBILIZE ITS EFFORT TO PUT AN END TO THE

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MISUSE OF COUNTERTERRORISM POLICIES TO TARGET PEACEFUL POLITICAL OPPOSITION AND

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CONSOLIDATE AUTHORITARIAN POWER. STATES SHOULD TAKE MEASURES TO

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ADOPT -- ISSUED ON PROMOTION OF PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND

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COUNTERTERRORISM, INCLUDING ESTABLISHING A GLOBAL DEFINITION FOR THE CRIME OF TERRORISM.

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TO END, BOTH DEMOCRACY AND STABILITY ARE POSSIBLE, NOT ONLY

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POSSIBLE, BUT THEY MUST BE PRESENT. BY SUPPORTING THE AUTHORITARIAN

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GOVERNMENT IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACIES, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS NOT ONLY CLOSED THE DOOR TO DEMOCRACY IN THE

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REGION, BUT IT HAS ACCELERATED EVEN GREATER INSTABILITY AND DECLINE IN THE REGION, WHICH

1:35:52

REPRESENT A DANGER TO ALL OF US. STABILITY WALKS HAND IN HAND WITH HUMAN RIGHTS.

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I URGE YOU, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, TO GENERALLY CENTER HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE REGION FOR

1:36:07

THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE LIVING THERE AND THE GLOBAL COMMUNITY AS WHOLE.

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THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND THANK YOU TO THE CAIRO INSTITUTE FOR

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CATALYZING THAT PARALLEL SUMMIT. I HAD A CHANCE TO READ THAT STATEMENT. IT'S AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR DEBATES TODAY.

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WITH THAT, MRS. IFILL, LET'S BRING YOU INTO THE CONVERSATION. >> THANK YOU. I AM TRULY HONORED TO BE PART OF

1:36:32

THIS IMPORTANT PANEL. PRESIDENT BIDEN IS RIGHT THAT AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ABROAD

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REQUIRES DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL AT HOME. THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THIS IS PERHAPS THE U.S. CIVIL RIGHTS

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MOVEMENT, WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM 1954 TO 1968. THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AS YOU MAY KNOW, WAS A GRASSROOTS

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MOVEMENT, LED BY ORDINARY BLACK PEOPLE, MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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AND FOUGHT FOR FULL CITIZENSHIP OF BLACK PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES, MOST AT THAT TIME WERE LIVING IN THE SOUTH AS

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SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS, MANY IN CONDITIONS NOT FAR REMOVED FROM THE SLAVERY THEIR ANCESTORS ARE

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ENDURED, A DECADE AFTER, THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT CONFRONTED

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THE DEEP HYPOCRISY AND HELD UP A MIRROR TO THE SOUL OF THE COUNTRY AT THE PRECISE
MOMENT WHEN AMERICA HAD BECOME A WORLD

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POWER. THEY SUCCESSFULLY PUSHED THE FEDERAL COURTS, THE PRESIDENT AND THE CONGRESS TO
PUBLICLY AND

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CONCRETELY DEMONSTRATE THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE DEMOCRATIC VALUES THAT AMERICA
PURPORTED TO

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EXPORT ABROAD AND MADE OUT OF A COUNTRY THAT WAS A DEMOCRACY IN NAME ONLY A TRUE
DEMOCRACY.

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BUT DEMOCRACIES REQUIRE CONSTANT TENDING AND RACISM AND THE DENIAL OF EQUAL JUSTICE
REMAINED

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A PART OF AMERICAN LIFE, IN PARTICULAR THE INGREDIENTS THAT

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SO OFTEN PRESAGE AROUND THE WORLD. SO IT TOOK ONLY AN ACCELERANT IN

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THE FORM OF OUR FORMER PRESIDENT, MR. TRUMP, TO LIGHT THE FIRE UNDER THESE INGREDIENTS

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AND PLUNGE US INTO A FULL-ON DEMOCRATIC CRISIS IN WHICH WE REMAIN TODAY. IT IS
CHARACTERIZED BY AN OPEN

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EMBRACE OF WHITE SUPREMACY, OF VIOLENCE, AUTHORITARIANISM AND BY A REJECTION OF THE
RULE OF

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LAW. AND NOW, FUELED BY UNREGULATED SOCIAL MEDIA, IT UNITES TENS OF

1:38:34

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS AND THE BASE OF ONE OF OUR TWO MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES. WHAT
BEGAN AS A RESULT ON THE

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RIGHT OF RACIAL MINORITIES HAS METASTASIZED INTO A FULL-ON

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ASSAULT. AMERICANS HAVE DEMONSTRATED THEIR COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY. LAST YEAR WE HAD THE HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT IN ANY ELECTION IN

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HISTORY. THEY OVERCAME MULTIPLE OBSTACLES TO VOTE DURING THE WORST OF THE

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC. IN ONE COUNTY IN GEORGIA, VOTERS WAITED IN LINE UP TO NINE HOURS TO VOTE, AND OF COURSE MILLIONS

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OF AMERICANS CAME OUT IN 50 STATES TO PROTEST THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD AT THE HANDS OF

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POLICE OFFICERS. BUT THAT RESILIENCE HAS BEEN MET WITH EVEN MORE INTENSE EFFORTS

1:39:19

TO UNDERMINE OUR DEMOCRACY AND SPECIFICALLY TO CONTROL AND HIJACK ELECTION SYSTEMS. YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED ON JANUARY

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6th, 2020, THE VIOLENT ATTACK ON OUR CAPITOL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., A COUP ATTEMPT BY

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INSURRECTIONISTS WHO PLANNED ON OVERTURNING BY FORCE THE ELECTION OF OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT.

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AND NOW SOUTHERN STATES ARE PASSING DRACONIAN LAWS MAKING IT HARD TO VOTE FOR EVERYONE, BUT

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ESPECIALLY MINORITIES. IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA, THAT STATE HAS MADE IT A CRIME TO PROVIDE THOSE WHO STOOD IN LINE

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FOR NINE HOURS TO VOTE A CUP OF WATER. ELECTION WORKERS AND OFFICIALS

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ACROSS DOZENS OF STATES ARE FACING THREATS TO THEIR LIVES AND FAMILIES BECAUSE OF THEIR UNWILLINGNESS TO DEMONSTRATE

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ALLEGIANCE TO THE BIG LIE, THE LIE THAT LAST YEAR'S ELECTION WAS STOLEN, AND SCORES OF

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ELECTION OFFICIALS AROUND THE COUNTRY HAVE RESIGNED IN FEAR AND ARE BEING REPLACED BY THOSE WHO MAKE COMMON CAUSE WITH THE

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VIOLENT JANUARY 6th INSURRECTIONISTS. TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION DIRECTLY AND FRANKLY, DAMON, CITIZENS

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HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING ALL THAT WE CAN, BUT ACTIVIST CITIZENS

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CANNOT DO IT ALONE. WE CAN ORGANIZE, MARCH, VOTE,

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CHALLENGE INJUSTICE IN THE COURT, BUT WE ARE IN A PERILOUS MOMENT WHERE IT IS UP TO OUR

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ELECTED LEADERS TO DEMONSTRATE THE CONVICTION AND DETERMINATION THAT THOSE LEADERS DID DURING THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND

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ENSURE THE PASSAGE OF CRITICAL LEGISLATION AND PURSUE PRACTICES THAT DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR

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THOSE WHO THREATEN OUR DEMOCRACY. AND OF COURSE WE NEED JUDGES WHO ELEVATE THE RULE OF LAW ABOVE

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PARTISAN POLITICS. BUT WITHOUT LEGISLATION THAT WILL PROTECT OUR RIGHT TO VOTE, PROTECT RACIAL MINORITIES

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AGAINST THE ABUSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES, REGULATE SOCIAL MEDIA AND ADDRESS

1:41:07

ECONOMIC INEQUALITY, CITIZEN-LED MOVEMENTS WILL BE LEFT WITHOUT A

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STRONG PLATFORM UPON WHICH WE CAN PROTECT AND STRENGTHEN OUR PERILOUSLY FRAGILE DEMOCRACY.

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THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. I THINK THAT POINT ABOUT HOW CITIZEN-LED MOVEMENTS CAN REALLY HOLD A MIRROR TO THE SOUL OF A

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COUNTRY IS AN IMPORTANT POINT FOR MANY OF US. I WANT TO COME BACK TO MS. KAHN

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AND MR. ZAREE. I WANT TO RETURN TO YOU. FIRST, IRENE, IF I MAY, YOU'VE PROMOTED THE NOTION THAT THE

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RULE OF LAW IS AN IMPORTANT TOOL TO ADVANCE EQUITY AND PEOPLE-CENTERED DEVELOPMENT,

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WHETHER IN REDUCING INEQUALITIES OR FOSTERING SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INCLUSION FOR PEACE.

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WHY IS GENDER IMPORTANT IN OUR CONVERSATION OF FREEDOM OF

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EXPRESSION? AND MOHAMED, IF I MAY, THERE IS MUCH TO BE LEARNED FROM HOW THE CAIRO INSTITUTE HAS ADAPTED AND

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NAVIGATED THESE CHALLENGES, INCLUDING HOW TO DEVELOP NEW GENERATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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DEFENDERS IN HIGH-RISK ENVIRONMENTS. HOW DO YOU HELP ACTIVISTS AND JOURNALISTS OPERATE SAFELY AND

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EFFECTIVELY, AND CAN YOU SHARE SOME EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSES IN OPERATING IN CLOSED OR CLOSING

1:42:24

SPACES? AND IRENE, YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADD INTO THAT -- YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADDRESS HOW DEMOCRATIC

1:42:30

GOVERNMENTS CAN BEST SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN CIVIL SOCIETY IN COUNTRIES WITH WEAK

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RULE OF LAW AND POOR HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS. IRENE, OVER TO YOU.

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>> LET ME FIRST START BY SAYING THAT WOMEN'S VOICES ARE BEING

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SUPPRESSED. THE VOICES OF NONCONFORMING GENDER MINORITIES ARE BEING

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SUPPRESSED. AND WITHOUT THEIR VOICES, WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A DIVERSE,

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PLURALISTIC, OPEN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. THAT'S WHY GENDER IS SO

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IMPORTANT AND FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. I HAVE USED THE TERM GENDER CENSORSHIP, AND I SAY THAT

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BECAUSE GENDER CENSORSHIP IS NOT ONLY ABOUT LAWS, BUT ALSO ABOUT

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CUSTOM, UNWRITTEN LAWS, VIOLENCE, ONLINE VIOLENCE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE PURPOSE OF

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WHICH IS ACTUALLY TO PUSH WOMEN AND OTHER MINORITIES OUT OF

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PLATFORMS. AND IF YOU GET OUT OF PLATFORMS IN THE DIGITAL AGE, YOU ARE EFFECTIVELY OUT OF POLITICS, OUT

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OF JOURNALISM, OUT OF THE PUBLIC SPHERE, AND THAT IS VERY

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DANGEROUS, WHEN HALF OF HUMANITY OR MORE THAN HALF OF HUMANITY'S

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VOICES ARE NOT BEING CLEARLY HEARD. RULE OF LAW, I BELIEVE, IS ACTUALLY THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH

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HUMAN RIGHTS ARE BAKED AND OPERATION LIES, AND I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT WE

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CONTINUE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS, CONTINUE TO INVEST IN THE SYSTEMS, THE

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INSTITUTIONS OF DEMOCRACY, NOT JUST ELECTION PROCESSES, BUT

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FREE MEDIA, CIVIL SOCIETY, BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT WILL

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SUSTAIN DEMOCRACY IN THE LONGER TERM. INSTITUTIONS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND I'M SORRY TO SAY

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THAT AS PART OF MY WORK FOR THE U.N., I HAVE BEEN APPALLED TO

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SEE HOW INSTITUTIONAL CAPTURE IS TAKING PLACE IN MANY COUNTRIES

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WHERE THE COUNTRY IS DOING FINE ON THE SURFACE, YOU THINK IT'S A FREE SOCIETY. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK DEEPER, YOU

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FIND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS ARE BEING ATTACK, JOURNALISTS ARE

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BEING SILENCED AND INSTITUTIONS ARE BEING CAPTURED BY THOSE IN POWER. AND THAT IS A MAJOR RISK, I

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THINK, TO DEMOCRACY. AND I THINK GOING FORWARD THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SAMANTHA POWER

1:45:05

MADE ABOUT INVESTING IN THE VIABILITY OF MEDIA, INVESTING IN CIVIL SOCIETY, IS I THINK A VERY

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GOOD THING. BUT ALONG WITH THAT HAS TO COME PRESSURE, PRESSURE FROM

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COUNTRIES LIKE THE UNITED STATES AND OTHERS THAT HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE TO BE RESPECTED.

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GOVERNMENTS HAVE TO BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE WHEN THEY DO NOT LIVE UP

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TO THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS OBLIGATIONS. WE MUST HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY, WE

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MUST HAVE PRESSURE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS. HUMAN RIGHTS ARE INTERNATIONAL

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OBLIGATIONS, NOT JUST WITHIN YOUR TERRITORIES, BUT ALSO ABROAD, AND GOVERNMENTS MUST

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EXERCISE THEIR INTERNATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO UPHOLD HUMAN

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RIGHTS AS WELL AS WITHIN THEIR OWN TERRITORIES. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, IRENE. I THINK TWO KEY POINTS THAT YOU

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UNDERSCORED, THE CONCEPT OF GENDERED CENSORSHIP, ALONG WITH THIS INSTITUTIONAL CAPTURE.

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TWO CHALLENGES ON OUR PLATE HERE. MOHAMED, LET'S BRING YOU BACK INTO THE CONVERSATION, PLEASE.

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>> THANK YOU, AGAIN. ACTUALLY, I WOULD NOT USE THE

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TERM SHRINKING SPACES TO DESCRIBE THE SITUATION IN THE

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REGION. THE CIVIL SOCIETY IS GOING

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THROUGH EXISTENTIAL DILEMMA. HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN EGYPT HAVE BEEN UNDER SUSTAINED ATTACK

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FOR YEARS. TO THE EXTENT THAT SOME HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS DECIDED TO

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CLOSE DOWN OR DOWNSIZE. THE INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES HAD TO

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MOVE ITS HEADQUARTERS AWAY FROM CAIRO IN 2015, BUT FORTUNATELY AT THAT TIME TUNISIA PROVIDED A

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VIABLE OPTION.

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NOW THERE IS A COUNTRY IN THE REGION FROM WHICH AN INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION CAN

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SAFELY OPERATE. WE HAVE TRIED TO ADOPT, WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR FUNCTION FROM DIFFERENT LOCATIONS AND WE HAVE

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EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF WORKING WITH AND ORGANIZING AN

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INCREASING NUMBER OF ACTIVISTS. I WOULD SAY THAT ONE OF THE

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MOST -- OR ONE OF THE MAIN IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENTS THAT WE ARE TRYING TO DO RIGHT NOW IS

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NETWORKING AND EXPANDING OUR NETWORK DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY WITH

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INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO EXPOSE

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THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION THROUGH USING LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY AND INTERNATIONAL

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ADVOCACY. IT HELPS TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL OR NOT BE JAILED.

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THIS HAPPENED IN VERY LIMITED NUMBERS, BUT I DO BELIEVE THAT IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR VICTIMS' LIVES.

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I WOULD SAY TO UNDERSCORE THE SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN THAT THE

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EGYPTIAN HUMAN RIGHTS

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ORGANIZATIONS HAVE ACTUALLY ASKED FOR THE RELEASE OF THE

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LGBTQ COMMUNITY, AND ALSO THE ACQUITTAL OF A SISTER

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ORGANIZATION, EGYPTIAN INTERNATIONAL FOR RIGHTS.

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I WOULD SAY THAT HOW DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES CAN SUPPORT OUR WORK,

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ACTUALLY WHAT I'M ASKING IS NOT TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT, BY PRAISING AND BY PRAISING THE

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REGIMES, HELPING THEM, AND IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT DEMOCRACY AND THE ISSUE OF RESPECTING

1:48:56

HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD BE THE CORE IN THE POLICY OF DEMOCRATIC

1:49:02

GOVERNMENTS, NOT JUST AN ITEM IN THE AGENDA OF DISCUSSIONS THAT WOULD BE OVERLOOKED IN ORDER TO

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DISCUSS OTHER ISSUES, LIKE

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SECURITY AND STABILITY. AS I SAID BEFORE, HUMAN RIGHTS

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AND DEMOCRACY WALK HAND IN HAND WITH STABILITY. THIS SHOULD BE THE CORNERSTONE OF ANY INTERNATIONAL POLICY FOR

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DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MOHAMED. AND WE HEAR YOU ON THE

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EXISTENTIAL DILEMMA WHERE WE SOMETIMES SHOULDN'T BE TALKING ABOUT SHRINKING SPACE, BUT

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ELIMINATED SPACE. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION. I WANT TO BRING BACK SHERRILYN

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AND SWE WIN. HOW IS CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE UNITED STATES WORKING TO ADVANCE

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JUSTICE AND DIGNITY FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS AND WORKING TO ADVANCE CIVIL RIGHTS? AND COULD YOU PICK UP ON A POINT

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THAT WAS MENTIONED, ALSO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES FACING THE LGBTQI

1:50:08

COMMUNITY IN PARTICULAR AND HOW DO THESE ISSUES FIT INTO YOUR BROADER EFFORT FOR CIVIL RIGHTS?

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SWE WIN, IF I MAY, BURMA HAS FACED CHALLENGES RELATED TO ITS

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OWN DIVERSE ETHNIC MAKEUP. HOW IS THE RESISTANCE TO THE

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HUNTA WORKING TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE? ALSO YOU HAD TO FLEE IN THE WAKE OF THE COUP AND WE SEE MANY

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ACTIVISTS ARE FORCED TO WORK IN

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COM EXILE. HOW CAN CIVIL SOCIETY AND FREE MEDIA BE EFFECTIVE WHEN THEY'RE

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OUTSIDE THEIR COUNTRIES WORKING IN EXILE AND WHAT CAN DEMOCRATIC NATIONS DO TO BETTER SUPPORT

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THEM? SHERRILYN, FIRST TO YOU. >> THANK YOU, DAMON. YOU KNOW, WE ARE QUITE PRIVILEGED TO HAVE A VERY BROAD

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AND DEEP CIVIL SOCIETY INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE UNITED

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STATES, AND WE WORK ACROSS AND USE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT TOOLS TO TRY AND ADVANCE DEMOCRATIC

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PRINCIPLES AND VALUES. SOME OF US ARE ORGANIZERS, SOME OF US, LIKE MYSELF, ARE LAWYERS

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WHO USE THE COURTS TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY AND JUSTICE. SOME DO POLITICAL WORK, TRYING

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TO EFFECT THE POLITICAL PROCESS AND INTRODUCE LEGISLATION THAT CAN STRENGTHEN OUR DEMOCRACY.

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THE KEY IS THE PRINCIPLES THAT WE ADHERE TO ARE CORE PRINCIPLES

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OF ANY DEMOCRACY, AND SO WHEN WE FIGHT FOR THEM, WE'RE FIGHTING, REALLY, FOR EVERY AMERICAN.

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IT IS PERHAPS THE IRONY OF DEMOCRATIC LIFE THAT VERY OFTEN THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST

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MARGINALIZED ARE THE MOST FAITHFUL ADHERENTS TO THE VALUES

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OF DEMOCRACY, SO WE BELIEVE WHEN WE ENGAGE IN CIVIL SOCIETY WORK ON BEHALF OF BLACK OR LATINO

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AMERICANS OR ON BEHALF OF WOMEN, THAT WE ARE ACTUALLY ADVANCING DEMOCRACY FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTRY

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AND WE'VE SEEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN THE EFFECTS OF OUR WORK HAVE THE COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCE OF BENEFITING THOSE WHO ARE

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OUTSIDE OF OUR COMMUNITIES. SO WE SEE OUR WORK AS BEING AT THE HIGHEST ORDER.

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THE CRITICAL ASPECT OF OUR WORK THAT'S SO IMPORTANT IS

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SOLIDARITY. IT IS LINKING ARMS AND SHOWING UP FOR ONE ANOTHER AROUND A VARIETY OF ISSUES, WHETHER IT IS

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SHOWING UP FOR THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY, WHETHER IT IS SHOWING UP FOR THE WOMEN'S RIGHTS

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COMMUNITY, THE DISABILITY COMMUNITY, AND SO ON AND SO FORTH. AND LINKING ARMS AND SEEING A

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KIND OF COMMON VISION OF WHAT WE BELIEVE IS CRITICAL, WHERE EVERY

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AMERICAN AND EVERY PERSON WITHIN OUR BORDERS IS ENTITLED TO EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW AND DIGNITY,

1:52:56

IS KIND OF WHAT UNITES US. WE'RE QUITE INTENTIONAL ABOUT THIS, I WILL SAY, AND

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PARTICULARLY SO SINCE 2017. SINCE 2017 WE'VE SEEN THE EXPONENTIAL RISE IN HATE CRIMES

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AROUND THE COUNTRY. THIS PAST YEAR, ACTUALLY THE PAST TWO YEARS WE SAW AN

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EXPONENTIAL INCREASE IN HATE CRIMES AGAINST ASIAN-AMERICANS AFTER PRESIDENT TRUMP AND HIS ASSOCIATES TARGETED THE

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ASIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AROUND THE COVID-19 VIRUS. AND THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY

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CONTINUES TO SEE SITIG NA AND

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DISCRIMINATION. THE MOVEMENT THAT'S HAPPENING IN THE UNITED STATES, ASSOCIATED WITH THE AUTHORITARIAN INSURRECTIONIST MOVEMENT IS ONE

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THAT TRIES TO SHUT DOWN OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM LEARNING ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF LGBTQ COMMUNITIES, TRIES TO SHUT DOWN

1:53:48

THE TELLING OF THE TRUTHFUL HISTORY OF RACISM IN OUR COUNTRY, AND SO WE'RE UNITED AROUND THESE EFFORTS TO

1:53:56

ESSENTIALLY IMPOSE MEMORY LAWS IN THE STATES THAT WILL SUPPRESS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DIVERSITY OF

1:54:01

THE STRUGGLE IN THE UNITED STATES FOR EQUAL RIGHTS AND OUR EXPERIENCES TOGETHER.

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SO THAT LINKED-ARM SOLIDARITY IS IMPORTANT AND THE USE OF OUR ORGANIZING TOOLS, OUR TRAINING

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TOOLS, OUR LITIGATION TOOLS, OUR ABILITY TO SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER TO THOSE WHO ARE IN POWER IS

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VITALLY IMPORTANT AS WELL. BUT ENSURING THAT WE SHOW UP FOR ONE ANOTHER IS PERHAPS THE MOST

1:54:25

IMPORTANT PIECE. NONE OF US HAVE ENOUGH INDEPENDENT POWER, BUT WHEN WE STAND SHOULDERS TO SHOULDERS AND

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WITH LINKED ARMS, WE ARE QUITE A FORMIDABLE FORCE. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I THINK NO DOUBT,

1:54:38

SOLIDARITY, LINKING ARMS AND SHOWING UP FOR EACH OTHER, THAT HAS TO BE AT THE HEART OF ANY STRATEGY FOR DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL.

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I THINK THAT'S PROBABLY THAT SOMETHING, WE WIN, YOU CAN RELATE TO. OVER TO YOU, SIR.

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>> THANK YOU, DAMON.

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WE ARE TRANSITIONING IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE COUP, AND THE

1:55:03

RELENTLESS ASPIRATIONS FOR HIGHEST STANDARDS IN THE MEDIA INDUSTRY, TO ENSURE WE ARE ABLE

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TO CONTINUE OUR WORK, THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONS SHOULD PROVIDE SAFE HAVENS AND

1:55:16

FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PERSECUTED INDEPENDENT MEDIA ORGANIZATIONS IN OUR COUNTRY.

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REGARDING THE INPUT OF THE RESISTANCE ON THE RELATIONSHIP

1:55:28

BETWEEN THE MAJORITY OF ETHNIC GROUPS, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT THE RESISTANCE IS BREAKING DOWN

1:55:36

MANY BARRIERS AND DIVISIONS WITHIN SOCIETY. MANY PEOPLE IN MAJOR CITIES DO

1:55:46

NOT SEE THE IMBALANCES THAT HAVE BEEN COMMITTED BY THE MILITARY AT THE BORDER.

1:55:52

THE GENERAL POPULATION HAS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE

1:55:58

ETHNIC MINORITIES WHO IN TURN REALIZE THAT THE

1:56:04

AUTHORITARIANISM KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES. THERE IS NOW AN INCREASE

1:56:10

SYMPATHY FOR THE SUFFERINGS OF MUSLIM ROHINGYAS AS WELL, WHO

1:56:16

HAD BEEN DESPISED BY THE MAJORITY OF BUDDHIST PEOPLE JUST BECAUSE OF THEIR DIFFERENCE AND

1:56:25

PROPAGANDA IN THIS SOCIETY FOR MANY YEARS. THIS IS A GREAT CONSENSUS IN OUR

1:56:32

SOCIETY THAT THE DEMOCRACY IS THE BEST HOPE FOR ALL DIFFERENT RELIGIONS AND ETHNIC GROUPS
IN

1:56:38

OUR COUNTRY. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC
ASPIRATIONS OF OUR

1:56:45

PEOPLE AND TO TAKE A FIRM STAND

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IN OPPOSITION, WHICH IS COMMITTING REGULAR ACTS OF

1:56:56

TERRORISM, INCLUDING INCREASING TARGETED SANCTIONS AND ENSURING

1:57:03

THAT THERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRISIS OF

1:57:09

GENOCIDE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL CODE.

1:57:15

THE PEOPLE OF MYANMAR, THE

1:57:21

STREETS ARE EMPTY IN OPPOSITION. THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD HEAR THE SILENT PROTESTS

1:57:29

ON THIS HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, SWE WIN.

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AND THANK YOU FOR LAYING OUT THAT VISION OF A MORE INCLUSIVE

1:57:42

APPROACH. WE HEARD IN SAMANTHA POWERS' OPENING ABOUT THE ROHINGYA.

1:57:47

WE'VE HEARD A LOT FROM OUR FRONT-LINE DEFENDERS AND NOW THAT WE'VE HEARD FROM THE VOICES FROM THE FIELD, IF YOU WILL, I

1:57:52

WANT TO TURN BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED WITH OUR HEADS OF STATE AND TO DRAW THEM OUT FOR A BROADER REGIONAL VIEW ON

1:57:59

ESSENTIALLY WORKING IN COMMON CAUSE. PRESIDENT ABINADER, THE DM

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DOMI DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HELPED IN 1978 AND YOU MENTION YOU'RE PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF APPLIANCE

1:58:17

AND DEMOCRACY ALONG WITH COSTA RICA AND PANAMA. AS YOU OFFER YOUR CLOSING THOUGHTS, HOW CAN GOVERNMENTS IN

1:58:22

THE REGION WORK TOGETHER TO ADVANCE REFORMS THAT PROTECT CIVIC SPACE AND MEDIA FREEDOM

1:58:28

AND ENSURE EQUALITY AND EQUITY FOR ALL CITIZENS?

1:58:34

AND PRESIDENT CHAKWERA, BACK TO YOU, TO CLOSE OUT THE PANEL, LET ME TURN TO YOU AS THE NEW CHAIR OF THE 16 NATIONS SOUTHERN

1:58:42

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY, NOT ALL TRENDS IN THE REGION ARE AS PROMISING AS IN MALAWI.

1:58:48

HOW DO YOU ASSESS THE TREND LINE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, MEDIA FREEDOM AND CIVIC SPACE ACROSS THE

1:58:55

CONTINENT IS HOW IS AFRICA HELPING TO SHAPE THIS BROADER

1:59:00

DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA AND NORMS? AND IF BOTH OF YOU COULD ADDRESS AS YOU WRAP UP HOW YOUR

1:59:06

GOVERNMENTS WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMING YEAR OF ACTION. PRESIDENT ABINADER, OVER TO YOU.

1:59:13

>> YES, THANK YOU, DAMON.

1:59:19

MY GOVERNMENT IS PART OF THE MOST IMPORTANT SOCIAL MOVEMENT IN DECADES IN THE DOMINICAN

1:59:26

REPUBLIC, AND THE MOVEMENT IS CALLED THE GREEN MARCH,

1:59:33

CRYSTALLIZED DURING THE 2017 AND 2018, THE DEMANDS FOR CHANGE,

1:59:38

JUSTICE, AND END TO IMPUNITY IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THIS MOVEMENT OF CIVIL SOCIETY,

1:59:47

HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS, POLITICAL PARTIES, THE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP, PAVED THE WAY FOR A PEACEFUL TRANSITION OF POWER IN

1:59:53

THE MIDST OF THE PANDEMIC. WE WERE ONE OF THE FEW COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD THAT HELD ELECTIONS

1:59:59

AND HAD A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN THE WORST OF THE CRISIS.

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO INVIGORATE

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THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND SUPERVISION, DELIVERING ON OUR PROMISE TO RESPOND TO CIVIC

2:00:18

DEMANDS EXPRESSED OVER SEVERAL YEARS THROUGH NUMEROUS SOCIAL

2:00:24

FORUMS. WE APPOINTED THE FIRST INDEPENDENT ATTORNEY GENERAL EVER AND SUPPORTED THE

2:00:31

RESIGNATION OF AN AUTONOMOUS

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ELECTORAL BOARD AND SUPPORTED THE PROCESS OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT HIGH COURT JUDGES

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AND OM BUDSMEN.

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WITH ASSISTANCE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WE AIM TO REFORM OUR POLICE FORCE, CURB ABUSES AND

2:00:58

ENSURE THAT HUMAN RIGHT DEFENDERS ARE ABLE TO FULFILL THE ESSENTIAL DEMOCRATIC ROLE.

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WE WILL RETURN TO OUR ROLE OF PRIVATE CITIZEN, I HOPE THAT ONE

2:01:14

OF MY MORE IMPORTANT LEGACIES IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRULY

2:01:19

INDEPENDENT AND ROBUST INSTITUTION THAT PROTECTS DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. WE WILL FIGHT FOR THAT.

2:01:29

THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU FOR THAT CLEAR MESSAGE, MR. PRESIDENT. PRESIDENT CHAKWERA, OVER TO YOU,

2:01:35

PLEASE. >> WELL, THANK YOU, DAMON. WHEN IT COMES TO HUMAN RIGHTS,

2:01:41

MEDIA FREEDOM, CIVIC SPACE, THE CONTINENT CLEARLY IS A MIXED

2:01:48

BAG. IN SOME COUNTRIES LIKE

2:01:55

MAL-LAURIE AND ZAMBIA, DEMOCRACY IS SOARING, AND IN OTHERS THERE

2:02:02

IS MUCH WORK TO DO. AND THERE ARE EVEN MORE WORRYING TRENDS THE MORE NORTH YOU GO.

2:02:09

AS CHAIR, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THIS REGIONAL DISCREPANCY AND

2:02:14

I'M ENGAGING MEMBER STATES IN DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW TO WATER

2:02:20

THE SEEDS OF DEMOCRACY ACROSS THE BOARD. WHAT I DO NOT WANT TO SEE AS THE

2:02:27

CHAIR IS A SITUATION WHERE COUNTRIES IN OUR FAMILY TREAT

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ELECTORAL RESULTS, HUMAN RIGHTS, CIVIC SPACE AND MEDIA FREEDOM AS A MENU TO CHOOSE FROM.

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THESE THINGS ARE INSEPARABLE AS THE FOUR LEGS OF A TABLE.

2:02:48

YOU CANNOT SIT AT THAT TABLE AND ENJOY THE FRUITS OF FREEDOM IF

2:02:53

ANY OF THESE LEGS IS BROKEN. THEY MUST ALL BE WATERED EQUALLY, EVEN IN CHALLENGING TIMES LIKE DURING THE PANDEMIC,

2:03:02

SUCH AS COVID-19. THAT IS WHY I'M PARTICULARLY PROUD THAT THE 2020 REPORT FROM

2:03:09

FREEDOM HOUSE ON THE STATE OF DEMOCRACY DURING THE PANDEMIC

2:03:14

STATED THAT MALAWI IS THE ONLY COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WHERE DEMOCRACY HAS GROWN STRONGER

2:03:21

DURING THE PANDEMIC. MY DESIRE TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH AND DEMOCRACY IN OUR REGION ON

2:03:27

THE CONTINENT, BUT ALSO, CRUCIALLY, AT MULTI-LATERAL

2:03:34

INSTITUTIONS LIKE THE UNITED NATIONS, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I HOLD DEAR. FREEDOM IS SOMETHING I CONSIDER

2:03:39

TO BE NONNEGOTIABLE, WHICH IS WHY KNEE-JERK UNILATERAL

2:03:46

RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO COVID THAT RESULTED IN STIFLING FREEDOMS ARE SOMETHING I HAVE

2:03:51

SPOKEN AGAINST. FREEDOM IS NON-NEGOTIABLE.

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THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. AND CONGRATULATIONS, INDEED, FOR FREEDOM HOUSE'S SHOUT OUT TO

2:04:05

MALAWI BEING THE PLACE THAT EXPANDED DEMOCRACY DURING A PANDEMIC. THIS HAS BEEN A TERRIFIC CONVERSATION. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR

2:04:13

THEIR INSIGHTS TODAY, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THESE ISSUES. I THINK WE'VE HEARD A CLEAR

2:04:18

MESSAGE FROM EACH OF YOU THAT IF DEMOCRACY IS TO THRIVE, IT NEEDS AN ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR

2:04:24

CIVIL SOCIETY AND MEDIA, HENCE THE IMPORTANCE OF NOT ONLY PROTECTING, BUT ALSO EXPANDING

2:04:31

CIVIC SPACE. AND YOU HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT WE EACH HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY AS WE

2:04:36

WORK IN COMMON CAUSE. MY TAKE-AWAY IS THAT WE NEED AN OFFENSE IN FAVOR OF FREEDOM, ONE

2:04:42

THAT EMPOWERS HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS AND INDEPENDENT MEDIA TO LEAD THE FIGHT FOR NEW

2:04:48

DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL. SO I WANT TO TURN BACK TO OUR

2:04:53

HOST TODAY, USAID ADMINISTRATOR SAMANTHA POWER, SHE KICKED OFF

2:05:00

TODAY WITH IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INITIATIVES THAT THEY WOULD BE PUTTING FORWARD IN ACTION.

2:05:06

AND I WANT TO TURN TO THE ADMINISTRATOR AND ASK, HOW DOES THE DISCUSSION INFORM WHAT YOU SEE AS KEY PRIORITIES LOOKING

2:05:12

AHEAD TO THE YEAR OF ACTION? PLEASE BRING US TO A CLOSE. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, DAMON.

2:05:18

FIRST, LET ME JUST SAY THAT TO HEAR THE TWO HEADS OF STATE SPEAK IN THE WAY THAT THEY DID

2:05:25

ABOUT CIVIC SPACE, ABOUT CIVIL SOCIETY, ABOUT THE RULE OF LAW,

2:05:31

AS ESSENTIAL TO THEIR BROADER PROSPERITY AGENDAS, THAT'S EXACTLY THE MINDSET THAT IS

2:05:39

NEEDED. THIS IS NOT CHARITY, THIS IS NOT MERELY OUT OF DEFERENCE TO SOME

2:05:44

INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT. IT'S THE VEHICLE TO BE ABLE TO PURSUE THE ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES,

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CREATE THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR CITIZENS, AND THESE THINGS CANNOT BE SEPARATED. SO IT'S REALLY INSPIRING TO HEAR

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FROM PRESIDENT ABINADER AND CHAKWERA ABOUT HOW INTUITIVE

2:06:03

THAT IS. WHEN IT'S ONLY OUT OF DEFERENCE TO AN INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT, IT TENDS TO BE A LITTLE MORE

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SUPERFICIAL THAN WHEN IT'S ACTUALLY FOR THE SAKE OF PURSUING YOUR BROADER OBJECTIVES AS A LEADER. SO THAT'S INSPIRING AND I REALLY

2:06:15

APPRECIATE BOTH THE PRESIDENTS WALKING THE WALK HERE TODAY. THEY'RE NOT JUST SAYING THAT THEY BELIEVE IN ENGAGING IN

2:06:21

CIVIL SOCIETY. THEY'VE SPENT THE LAST HOUR AND A HALF IN A PANEL WITH CIVIL

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SOCIETY AND WITH ACTORS WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF HOLDING THEIR GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE. SO REALLY GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

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I THINK THE KEY, AND THIS IS REALLY WHAT WE'VE HEARD FROM OUR CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS HERE, IS

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ACTUALLY FULFILLING THE COMMITMENTS THAT ARE MADE. THIS SUMMIT WAS A HOOK IN ORDER

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TO GET GOVERNMENTS TO WORK WITH CIVIL SOCIETY, TO LAY DOWN COMMITMENTS, AND THE YEAR OF

2:06:52

ACTION LIES AHEAD. WE WANT TO HELP SUPERCHARGE

2:06:59

EVERY CIVIL SOCIETY ACTOR AND EVERY GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS, NOT

2:07:05

JUST THEIR WORDS HERE TODAY. WE WANT TO OFFER SUPPORT IN THE

2:07:10

TRENCHES AS THEY SEEK TO ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT AND MOVE OUT ON THEIR COMMITMENTS. AND I WANT TO STRESS HERE THAT

2:07:17

THE UNITED STATES, TO SHERRILYN'S EXCELLENT POINTS,

2:07:26

WE'VE MADE POINTS TODAY AND NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IN THE SAME WAY. SO WE ARE GOING TO MOBILIZE A COLLECTION OF DOMESTIC AND CIVIL

2:07:32

SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND PHILANTHROPIES TO DELIVER THE

2:07:38

RESOURCES NEEDED TO GET THE WHEELS TURNING. SOMETIMES THAT'S JUST GOING TO MEAN CONNECTING AN INTERESTED

2:07:44

COUNTRY TO AN OUTSIDE ACTOR THAT CAN HELP. IN OTHER CASES, WE WILL HELP

2:07:51

ASSEMBLE, WORKING WITH THE PEOPLE ON THE SCREEN AND THOSE WHO ARE TUNING IN FROM AROUND THE WORLD, SO-CALLED DEMOCRACY

2:07:57

COHORTS, AND THESE WILL BE WORKING GROUPS CONSISTING OF COUNTRIES THAT MAKE BROADLY SIMILAR COMMITMENTS AND WE WILL

2:08:03

SEEK TO PARTNER THEM WITH TOP EXPERTS, WITH DONORS, AND WITH OTHER DEMOCRACY REFORMERS.

2:08:09

IN VISITING THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, I WAS VERY STRUCK AT THE EXTENT TO WHICH PRESIDENT

2:08:16

ABINADER, AS HE LOOKS TO CREATE THESE INSTITUTIONS, INSPECTOR GENERALS, HE'S LOOKING TO THE

2:08:22

REGION TO ACTUALLY LEARN FROM OTHER COUNTRIES WHO MIGHT HAVE TRIED THIS AND OBTAINED SOME BRUISES ALONG THE WAY, TO TRY TO

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LEARN FROM THE DOWNSIDES AND THE HICCUPS OF PRIOR REFORM EFFORTS, BUT ALSO THOSE THAT HAVE WORKED.

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SO WE WANT ACTORS TO BE ABLE TO SHARE THE TRICKS OF THE TRADE, MAXIMIZE THE CHANCE THAT WHEN WE

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CONVENE AGAIN IN ROUGHLY A YEAR, INDIVIDUALS GATHERED HERE AND OTHERS WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT

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IMPROVEMENTS, TANGIBLE IMPROVEMENTS. WHATEVER THE OPPOSITE OF BACKSLIDING IS.

2:08:53

IS IT FRONT SLIDING? ACTUAL PROGRESS. AND I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT

2:09:01

ABINADER AND CHAKWERA FOR OFFERING NOT ONLY RESPONSIVE LEADERSHIP AND INSIGHT AT

2:09:06

TODAY'S EVENT, BUT ALSO AGAINST A BACKDROP OF TROUBLING SETBACKS THAT OUR CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS HERE HAVE DESCRIBED, AND WE ALL

2:09:13

KNOW ABOUT. YOU ARE ACTUALLY CREATING PROOF OF CONCEPT. YOU DIDN'T GET THE MEMO THAT

2:09:19

IT'S 15 YEARS OF FREEDOM IN DECLINE AND ARE JUST ACTING IN THE INTEREST OF YOUR PEOPLE, AND

2:09:25

AS PRESIDENT ABINADER PUT IT POWERFULLY, IN ORDER TO LEAVE A LEGACY WHERE THE RULE OF LAW
IN

2:09:31

THESE INSTITUTIONS ARE ENSHRINED, WHERE WHEN ANY LEADER RETURNS TO PRIVATE LIFE, THESE

2:09:38

INSTITUTIONS ENDURE. THOSE TRADITIONS, THE EXPANSION OF CIVIC SPACE IS RENDERED

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PERMANENT. SO THANK YOU FOR SETTING THAT

2:09:54

EXAMPLE. SHERRILYN, IRENE, SWE AND MOHAMED, THANK YOU. YOU HAVE DEDICATED YOUR LIVES TO

2:10:01

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY WHEREVER IT IS THREATENED AND USING YOUR VOICES TO SECURE
UNIVERSAL RIGHTS FOR ALL AND IT IS NEVER

2:10:07

EASY. AS WE ENTER THIS YEAR OF ACTION, IT IS CLEAR THAT WE WILL NEED ONE ANOTHER'S SUPPORT
ALONG THE

2:10:15

WAY. THE LOCKING OF ARMS, BUT ALSO THE LOCKING OF ARMS WITH

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REFORMERS, WITHIN INSTITUTIONS WHO WANT TO TAKE THE RISKS, THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS
AROUND THE

2:10:25

WORLD ARE PREPARED TO TAKE. SO TO FIND THOSE MOMENTS OF OPPORTUNITY, THOSE WINDOWS
OF

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OPPORTUNITY, AND TO SEIZE THEM AS WELL IS SOMETHING THE UNITED STATES WANTS TO SUPPORT.
THANK YOU, ALL, AND GOD SPEED.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THOSE REMARKS. I LOVE THIS IMAGE OF THE SUMMIT AS
SUPERCHARGING DEMOCRATIC

2:10:44

RENEWAL. I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT WAY TO CLOSE. DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL REQUIRES NOT

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ONLY UNITY AND COMMITMENTS FEATURED AT THIS SUMMIT, BUT AS

2:10:55

IMPORTANTLY, IT REQUIRES UNLEASHING THE ENERGY OF ACTIVISTS AND JOURNALISTS AROUND THE WORLD AS WE'VE HEARD FROM

2:11:00

OUR SPEAKERS TODAY, AND THAT I'M PROUD TO SAY IS THE DAILY WORK OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR

2:11:07

DEMOCRACY, MY ORGANIZATION. WE SEE THE SUMMIT AS THE LAUNCH OF A CAMPAIGN TO GENERATE DEMOCRATIC MOMENTUM DURING THE COMING YEAR OF ACTION.

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WE KNOW WE HAVE TO UP OUR GAME. WE HAVE TO INNOVATE, AS THE

2:11:18

ADMINISTRATOR SAID AT THE TOP. A AUTHORITARIANS ARE ALREADY DOING

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SO AND THEY STAND TO BENEFIT IF WE DON'T STEP UP. SO WE CAN DRAW ON THE STRENGTH, THE RESILIENCE AND DETERMINATION

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OF COURAGEOUS ACTIVISTS TO REGAIN OUR FOOTING AND REBUILD DEMOCRATIC MOMENTUM WITH A

2:11:35

CAMPAIGN BUILT AROUND SOLIDARITY, SUPPORT FOR THOSE ON THE FRONT LINES OF THE FIGHT, AND A COMMITMENT TO ACT TOGETHER

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IN COMMON CAUSE. THANK YOU TO OUR TERRIFIC PANELISTS, AND I'M ESPECIALLY

2:11:49

GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND COURAGE IN THE CAUSE FOR FREEDOM. THIS CONCLUDES THE SUMMIT SECTION ON PROTECTING HUMAN

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RIGHTS AND EXPANDING CIVIC SPACE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING WITH US TODAY.

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[MUSIC]

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>> HELLO, EVERYONE. I'M A FORMER STUDENT LEADER AND A LEGISLATOR IN HONG KONG.

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YET, UNDER THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S PERSECUTION, MY SEAT IN LEGISLATION WAS OVERTURNED AND MY FREEDOM WAS

2:13:13

DEPRIVED AS I WAS JAILED FOR PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY IN 2017.

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IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER WAVE OF MASSIVE PROTESTS, BEIJING ENACTED A SWEEPING NATIONAL

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SECURITY LAW IN THE SUMMER OF 2020 TO ERADICATE HONG KONG'S

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CIVIL SOCIETY ONCE AND FOR ALL. I WAS PUT ON A TOP WANTED LIST.

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I'VE SINCE BEEN FORCED INTO EXILE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. I HAD TO CUT MY TIES WITH MY

2:13:41

FAMILY, SO AS NOT TO ENDANGER THEM. MOST DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGNERS IN HONG KONG WITH WHOM I'VE WORKED,

2:13:47

SUCH AS JOSH WONG, BENNY TY AND JIMMY LI ARE DETAINED AND FACING

2:13:54

LIFE IMPRISONMENT AS I SPEAK. IT IS A PRIME EXAMPLE OF HOW TO CITY, ONCE BELIEVED TO BE THE

2:13:59

FREEST IN ASIA, CAN DETERIORATE INTO AN AUTHORITARIAN POLICE STATE RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR

2:14:06

EYES. I'VE LIVED THROUGH IT. FOR ME, DEMOCRATIC BACKSLIDING

2:14:11

ISN'T AN ABSTRACT THEORY, BUT A PERSONAL AND PAINFUL STORY. I KNOW THIS STORY ISN'T UNIQUE,

2:14:17

BECAUSE OF BEIJING'S ONGOING CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITIES, UIGHURS NUMBERING IN MILLIONS

2:14:24

ARE PUT IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS, AND CONTINUE TO FACE SUPPRESSION IN THEIR SOCIETY.

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TAIWANESE WAKE UP EVERY DAY TO THE REAL POSSIBILITY OF A CERTAIN MILITARY INVASION. CHINESE INFLUENCE HAS LONG BEEN

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CREEPING INTO THE RIMS OF EVERYTHING, FROM GLOBAL FINANCIAL MARKETS TO ENTERTAINMENT, AND THE FREE

2:14:46

WORLD LACKS DETERMINATION TO COORDINATE A PUSHBACK. EVERYWHERE WE SEE THAT DEMOCRACY

2:14:53

IS UNDER THREAT. OUR FREEDOMS, OUR INSTITUTIONS

2:14:59

LOSING THE ABILITY TO PERSUADE US THAT LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL ORDER WILL ALWAYS PREVAIL.

2:15:04

WE MUST CHANGE. WE MUST ACT TO SHOW THAT WE CAN DO BETTER. IT'S TIME TO MAKE SURE

2:15:11

DEMOCRATIC POLITICS CAN DELIVER REAL RESULTS. TO SHRINK THE MULTI-LATERAL TIES

2:15:17

AMONG COUNTRIES THAT SHARE THE SAME VALUES AND REFORM INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SO THEY MEANINGFULLY LIVE UP TO

2:15:23

THEIR MISSION. FOR TOO LONG, THE WORLD HAS EMBRACED THE RISE OF CHINA WITHOUT DEVELOPING MECHANISMS TO

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HOLD IT ACCOUNTABLE. THAT'S WHY POLITICAL ACTORS AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS MUST WORK

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TOGETHER, WE MUST LEVERAGE ALL WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT THE DEMOCRACY'S REVIVAL IS OUR TOP

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PRIORITY. MAYBE SOME OF YOU ARE AFRAID OF UPSETTING GENERAL SECRETARY XI, MAYBE SOME OF YOU DON'T WANT TO

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LOSE THE CHINESE MARKET, MAYBE SOME OF YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE THE THREAT TO OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

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AND THAT IS THE REASON WHY WE FAILED AND THAT IS WHY WE MUST CHANGE.

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[SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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>> IMAGINE THE WORLD TODAY WITHOUT THIS MOMENT.

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IMAGINE THE WORLD TODAY WITHOUT THIS MOMENT.

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IMAGINE THE WORLD TODAY WITHOUT THIS MOMENT.

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>> WE CHILDREN ARE DOING THIS TO WAKE THE ADULTS UP. >> WITHOUT THIS MOVEMENT.

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SO WHAT CONNECTS THESE MOMENTS, THESE MOVEMENTS, THESE

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TRANSFORMATIONS? >> SOMETHING THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO ALL OUR LIVES.

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>> AND ESSENTIAL TO OUR FUTURE. >> A THRIVING CIVIC SPACE. >> CIVIC SPACE IS THE BEDROCK OF

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AN OPEN AND DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY. >> A SPACE TO HOLD LEADERS, INSTITUTIONS AND THE PRIVATE

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SECTOR ACCOUNTABLE. >> AND WITH RISING INEQUALITY AROUND THE WORLD -- >> WE KNOW THAT MEANINGFUL CIVIL

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ENGAGEMENT IS AN ANTIDOTE TO

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INEQUALITY. >> THROUGHOUT HISTORY THE ONLY WAY WE'VE EXPANDED RIGHTS IN BOTH DEMOCRACIES AND BEYOND

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DEMOCRACIES IS THROUGH COLLECTIVE ACTION. >> CIVIC SPACE IS ESSENTIALLY

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ABOUT PEOPLE POWER. >> THE FIRST MULTI-LATERAL

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AGREEMENT TO RECOGNIZE AND GUARANTEE THE RIGHTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS. >> IT'S THE PUBLIC SQUARE WHERE

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PEOPLE COME TOGETHER, AGITATE, PROTEST, AND THEY COME UP WITH NEW IDEAS FOR EXPANDING

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DEMOCRACY AND PARTICIPATION THAT IS THE POWER THAT

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COMMUNITY-BASED MOVEMENTS ARE BRINGING. THEY ARE ASKING US THE HARDER QUESTIONS,
BOTH ABOUT THE

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SUSTAINABILITY OF OUR PLANET, BUT ALSO ABOUT THE MEANING OF

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LABOR, THE MEANING OF BUDDIES,

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AND THOSE ARE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS. [CROWD CHANTING]

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[SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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>> CIVIL SOCIETY IS A KEY ACTOR FOR BRINGING THE PROBLEMS AND STRUGGLES OF THE FRONT LINE

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COMMUNITIES TO THE NATIONAL ARENA, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE POLICIES AND THE LAWS THAT ARE

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ADOPTED BY OUR GOVERNMENT REALLY RESPONDS TO THE NEEDS OF THOSE IN THE FRONT LINES.

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BUT ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS.

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>> STATES HAVE A DUTY TO UPHOLD FREEDOMS AND PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS TO PEACEFUL

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ASSEMBLY, TO ASSOCIATION AND THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

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[SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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>> OUR SOCIETIES, OUR DEMOCRACIES REQUIRE WHAT WE DO EVEN MORE TODAY THAN EVER.

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>> DEMOCRACY ONLY WORKS WHEN PEOPLE PARTICIPATE AND ARE INFORMED.

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>> NINE OUT OF TEN PEOPLE CURRENTLY LIVE IN CONTEXT WHERE THEIR CIVIC FREEDOMS ARE UNDER ATTACK.

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>> THE SHRINKING CIVIC SPACE, JOURNALISTS, ACTIVISTS, ARTISTS,

2:22:00

AND POLITICAL ACTORS, AND IT IS

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FUNDAMENTALLY WRONG. >> DEMOCRACY CANNOT THRIVE WITHOUT A VIBRANT CIVIC SPACE.

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>> CIVIC SPACE IS CREATED, IT'S NOT A THING, AND WE ALL SHAPE

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CIVIC SPACE. >> OUR LIVES ARE INTERCONNECTED AND WE OWE IT TO EACH OTHER TO STAND TOGETHER TO BUILD MORE

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VOICE, POWER AND DEMOCRACY. >> OUR COLLECTIVE FUTURES DEPEND ON IT.

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>> I URGE THOSE IN POWER TO RECOGNIZE AND PROTECT THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY.

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>> IT IS FUNDAMENTAL THAT THE GOVERNMENTS GUARANTEE A LEGAL

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FRAMEWORK FOR THE WORK OF CIVIL ORGANIZATIONS. >> GOVERNMENTS, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, POLICYMAKERS, AND

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BUSINESSES, MUST CONDEMN RESTRICTIONS ON THE RIGHT TO PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND THE

2:22:53

DETENTION OF PEACEFUL

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PROTESTERS. CENSORSHIP ON INVESTIGATION AND INVESTIGATE ATTACKS ON MEDIA PERSONS. >> IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF

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EVERY SINGLE GOVERNMENT THAT IT BE RESPONSIVE TO ITS RIT

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SEQ CITIZENS. >> WHEN GOVERNMENTS DELIVER IN RESPONSE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE PEOPLE,
THEIR LEGITIMACY IS

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STRONG AND REAL. THAT'S DEMOCRACY.

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[MUSIC]

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>>> DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND PANELISTS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US TODAY FOR THIS

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DISCUSSION ON STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY AND DEFENDING AGAINST

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AUTHORITARIANISM. IT IS SUCH A PRIVILEGE TO BE JOINED BY HEADS OF STATE, CIVIL

2:24:26

SOCIETY ACTIVISTS, AND ALL OF YOU FOR THIS IMPORTANT DISCUSSION.

2:24:31

TO BEGIN, I WILL INVITE TWO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS TO OFFER FRAMING REMARKS TO SET UP OUR

2:24:37

DISCUSSION FOR THE MORNING. FIRST, IT IS MY HONOR TO WELCOME

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HIS EXCELLENCY, GITANAS NAUSEDA,

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PRESIDENT OF LITHUANIA FOR OPENING REMARKS. UNITED STATES APPLAUDS THE FOREIGN POLICY IN
STANDING UP

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FOR DEMOCRACY IN BELARUS AND AROUND THE WORLD.

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>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS THE NATURE OF DEMOCRACY TO BE ALWAYS IN CRISIS.

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DEMOCRACY IS BUILT ON THE IDEA OF COMPETITION AND COMPETITION

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BREEDS CONFLICTS. WHERE DEMOCRACIES EXCEL IS THEIR

2:25:33

ABILITY TO NEUTRALIZE THOSE CONFLICTS BEFORE THEY REACH

2:25:39

DANGEROUS LEVELS. TO CREATE STABILITY, UNITY AND PROSPERITY OUT OF THE TURBULENT

2:25:47

PLURALIST POLITICS IS A SERIOUS CHALLENGE. MY COUNTRY, LITHUANIA, HAS

2:25:54

EXPERIENCED IT ALL, EMERGING FROM UNLAWFUL FOREIGN OCCUPATION

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AND TOTALITARIAN CONTROL OF THE SOVIET UNION MORE THAN THREE

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DECADES AGO. DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE AND THE

2:26:13

RULE OF LAW RELY HEAVILY ON OUR STRONG PASSION FOR FREEDOM.

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UP TO THIS DAY WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL THOSE WHO HELP US.

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WE ALSO REMAIN FIRM BELIEVERS IN DEMOCRACY. IN OUR VIEW, NOTHING ELSE CAN

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PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTION FOR HUMAN DIGNITY AS WELL AS

2:26:39

STABILITY FOR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL GROWTH.

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NO DEMOCRACY IS PERFECT AND NEITHER IS OUR OWN. WE CONTINUE TO CONFRONT SOCIAL

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EXCLUSION, CASES OF INTOLERANCE AND INJUSTICE, BUT DEMOCRACY

2:27:00

GIVES US THE BEST TOOLS TO PREVAIL OVER THESE CHALLENGES.

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A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, RELYING ON PLURALISM, STRONG REPRESENTATIVE

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INSTITUTIONS AND FREE MEDIA. HISTORICALLY THESE ADVANTAGES

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FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE GLOBAL SUCCESS STORY. DEMOCRACY WAS THE STANDARD TO

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WHICH MOST NATIONS ASPIRED. THE WORLD SEEMED TO BE ON THE

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MARCH TO A MORE PROSPEROUS AND PEACEFUL FUTURE.

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HOWEVER, NOW WE ARE STARTING TO HEAR AN ALTERNATIVE NARRATIVE,

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THE ONE PROCLAIMING THAT FREEDOM, HUMAN RIGHTS AND DIVERSITY CAN BE SACRIFICED WHEN

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PEOPLE ARE PROVIDED WITH SOME DEGREE OF PROSPERITY AND

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PREDICTABILITY. THIS NARRATIVE IS NOT NEW. WE HAVE HEARD IT BEFORE, MIXED

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WITH REVOLUTIONARY SLOGANS. WHAT CONFRONTS US NOW, THOUGH, IS THE BLUNT POWER
POLITICS OF

2:28:16

RISING AUTHORITARIANISM.

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YESTERDAY'S FORCES ONCE AGAIN, STILL DANGEROUS SENTIMENTS, AND THEIR COMMON GOAL IS TO PROVOKE

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A REVOLT AGAINST DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATS.

2:28:35

WE ARE FORCED TO RECOLLECT THAT DEMOCRACY IS NOT A GIVEN. IT MAY BE MORE FRAGILE THAN WE

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THINK. ONE OF THE FIRST TO FALL IS USUALLY THE FREEDOM OF

2:28:51

EXPRESSION. WHENEVER INDEPENDENT MEDIA IS BEING SILENCED AND CRITICS ARE

2:28:57

THREATENED BY REPRESSION, THE TIME COMES TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY.

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FOR THE AUTHORITARIANS, FREE SPEECH IS THE WEAKNESS OF

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DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES. FOR

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AND THEY WANT OUR VALUES TO BE FORGOTTEN, AND OUR POLITICAL WILL TO BE BROKEN.

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WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.

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THAT IS WHY LITHUANIA STANDS READY TO SUPPORT DEMOCRACY

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WHENEVER IS FRIEND. WE STAND WITH UKRAINE IN THE FACE OF RUSSIA'S CONTINUED

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AGGRESSION. WE SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC FORCES OF BELARUS FIGHTING THE BRUTAL

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REGIME. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY GREATEST RESPECT TO

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THE BELARUSIAN CIVIL SOCIETY LEADER, PRESENT AMONG US TODAY.

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I AM CONVINCED THAT THE WAY TO END THE CURRENT CRISIS IN

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BELARUS IS FOR THE REGIME TO FREE ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS AND

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LAUNCH AN INCLUSIVE DOMESTIC POLITICAL DIALOGUE BUILDING

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CIVIL SOCIETY. THIS DIALOGUE SHOULD LEAD TO NEW ELECTIONS THAT MUST BE FREE AND

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FAIR. RECENT HYBRID ATTACKS ON THE EUROPEAN UNION EXTERNAL BORDER

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PUT PRESSURE ON THE MIGRANTS OF THE BELARUSIAN REGIME BY TREATING HUMAN BEINGS AS

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POLITICAL TOOLS. HOPING TO FORCE DEMOCRATIC TO

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STEP BACK, THIS ON THE NEW NORMAL. ALL THIS COULD NOT BE POSSIBLE

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WITHOUT CONSENT OF RUSSIA. HOWEVER, TWE SHOULD BE EXTREMEL

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CAREFUL NOT TO LEGITIMIZE.

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IT WOULD ENCOURAGE REGIME AND BERATE THE BRAVE BELARUSIAN

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PEOPLE. THEREFORE IT IS NOT TOLL PUT ON

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SANCTIONS UNLESS DEMANDS AREN'T MET. A LARGE PART OF THE BELARUSIAN

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SOCIETY STIMULATED THE FORMATION OF STRONGER NATIONAL IDENTITY.

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IT ALL COMES BACK TO THE ISSUE OF STRATEGIC PATIENCE. THE EUROPEAN UNION HAS

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POSSIBILITIES TO EXTEND PRESSURE ON THE BELARUSIAN REGIME, TO

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SUPPORT GRASS ROOTS, ACTIVISM, BOTH OUTSIDE AND THE THIN

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BELARUS AND FOR THE FUTURE DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION. THIS WOULD BE HIGH LY

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ADVANTAGEOUS AND BRING NEW HOPE TO EVERY NATION WORKING HARD TO MAINTAIN AND PROTECT DEMOCRATIC

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INSTITUTIONS. LITHUANIA IS READY TO WORK WITH THIS TO HAPPEN. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, PRESIDENT NAUSEDA. NEXT, I AM PLEASED TO WELCOME

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DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION LEADEREN

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FROM BELARUS, BRAVELY CHALLENGED 27 YEARS OF AUTHORITARIAN RULE

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THERE BEFORE BEING DRIVEN INTO EXILE IN NEIGHBORING LITHUANIA.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY.

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>> I WANT TO THANK PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR ORGANIZING THIS

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GATHERING. HONORABLE GUESTS OF STATES, DEAR FRIENDS, LET ME BE MYSELF TODAY.

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ALLOW ME TO SAY HOW I FEEL. I FEEL ANGRY.

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THOUSANDS OF MY FELLOW CITIZENS ARE IN PRISON BECAUSE THEY DARED TO SPEAK UP AGAINST A DICTATOR.

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IT ALL STARTED AS A PROTEST AGAINST RIGGED ELECTIONS, BUT IT

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BECAME SOMETHING MUCH BIGGER. IT BECAME A STRUGGLE FOR DIGNITY

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AND JUSTICE. WE'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THE REGIME RUINING THE COUNTRY FOR 27

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YEARS. THEY FELT THAT THEY DESERVED TO BE RESPECTED AND HEARD.

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WE CONTINUE TO PAY A BIG PRICE. 40,000 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DETAINED

2:34:05

SINCE LAST YEAR. MANY SUFFERED ENDLESS INTERROGATIONS AT THE HANDS OF

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THEM AND MANY TORTURED AND HUMILIATED. YOU COULD SEE THEIR FORCED

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CONFESSIONS FORCED ON YOUTUBE. MANY LOST THEIR LIVES. MORE THAN 300,000 WERE FORCED TO

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FLEE, AND MORE THAN 900 HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED AS POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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AMONG THEM IS MY HUSBAND SERGEI WHO WILL LIKELY TO BE SENTENCED

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TO 15 TO 20 YEARS IMPRISONMENT NEXT WEEK. IT IS BECAUSE OF HIM THAT I AM

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HERE TODAY. I FEEL AWFUL THAT MY CHILDREN HAVEN'T SEEN THEIR FATHER FOR 18 MONTHS, AND SOME MOTHERS WILL

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NEVER SEE THEIR CHILDREN AGAIN.

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THE MOTHER OF AN ARTIST MURDERED BY THE REGIME. SOME CHILDREN WILL NEVER SEE

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THEIR FATHERS AGAIN.

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LIKE DAUGHTER OF ALEXANDER SHOT BY THE REGIME SECURITY FORCES WHY PEACEFULLY PROTESTING THE

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FRAUDULENT ELECTIONS. ALSO, I FEEL CONFUSED. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THEIR DEEPLY STRONG CONCERNS AND GRAVELY

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EXTREMELY SERIOUS CONCERNS. I STILL CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW THE GROUP OF THUGS MANAGED TO

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TERRORIZE THE WHOLE OF EUROPE.

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HOW COME THE STOCKS STILL HAVEN'T FACED ANY SIGNIFICANT

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CONSEQUENCES FOR THEIR OUTRAGEOUS ACTIONS. RECENTLY I HEARD FROM ONE FOREIGN MINISTER I MET.

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NOTHING WORKED. THERE WAS FRUSTRATION AND FATIGUE IN HIS VOICE, UNFORTUNATELY.

2:36:05

BUT BELARUSIANS CAN'T SAY WE DID EVERYTHING AND NOTHING WORKED. WE CANNOT GO HOME.

2:36:11

OUR HOME IS TAKEN FROM US, AND UNTIL WE GET IT BACK, WE WILL

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NOT STOP. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, SUPPORT

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DEMOCRACY, SUPPORTING BELARUSIANS IS A PROCESS. NOT A ONE-TIME ACTION. INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS MUCH

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MORE POWERFUL THAN IT PRETENDS TO BE. FOR THE LAST 18 MONTHS, I HAVE

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BEEN TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD ARE SO RELUCTANT.

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TAKEN TOGETHER, THEY ARE THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE IN THE WORLD

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TODAY. THEIR ECONOMIES ARE VAST. THEY HAVE ENORMOUS WEALTH, EXPERTISE AND POWER, AND MANY

2:37:03

LEADERS ARE HERE TODAY. LEADERS THAT REALLY COULD DEFEAT

2:37:09

DICTATORSHIPS, IF ONLY THEY SET THEIR MINDS TO IT. IF ONLY THEY REALIZE THAT THE

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FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM IS THE FIGHT FOR THEIR OWN FREEDOM, TOO.

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I'M NOT AN EXPERIENCED POLITICIAN, BUT I'M NOT NAIVE EITHER, AND I TRULY BELIEVE IN

2:37:28

THE POWER OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND OUR DEMOCRATIC

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UNITY. PERHAPS I BELIEVE IN THEM MORE THAN YOU DO, BUT THIS BELIEF COMES FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY

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HEART. THE HEART OF A MOTHER AND WIFE, BUT ALSO A BELARUSIAN WHO

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PATIENT WITH DESIRES COUNTRY AND PEOPLE TO BE FREE.

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DIFFERENCE. LET ME PUT IT IN SIMPLE WORDS. IMAGINE THAT YOUR NEIGHBOR IS AN

2:38:01

ABUSER. YOU CAN'T IGNORE HIM, BUT ALSO YOU CANNOT CHANGE HIS WAYS.

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SO WHAT CAN YOU DO? YOU CAN TRY TO APPEASE HIM OR TRY TO SATISFY HIS DEMANDS, BUT

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THAT WILL ONLY MAKE THE ABUSER FEEL THAT HE CAN CONTROL YOU. THAT HE CAN MANIPULATE YOU.

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BECAUSE IF YOU ARE ACCOMMODATE

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I ING, AND 27 YEARS OF OPPRESSION TAUGHT US THAT APPEASEMENT NEVER

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WORKS. IF YOU GIVE HIM AN INCH, HE WILL TAKE A MILE. LET ME BE CLEAR.

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DICTATORS CANNOT BE RE-EDUCATED. ON A LEVEL WHEN WE SEE AN ABUSER

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WE KNOW WHAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO IS. SEND A COLLECTIVE MESSAGE LOUD

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AND CLEAR THAT SUCH BEHAVIOR WILL HAVE PUNITIVE CONSEQUENCES. THIS ABUSING NEIGHBOR IS A

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PROBLEM FOR THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD. NOT ONLY FOR THE LEFT OR RIGHT

2:39:02

SIDE. WHY, THEN, DOES THE WORLD DO SO LITTLE WHEN IT COMES TO THE

2:39:08

ABUSE ON JUST ACROSS THE BORDER,

2:39:13

IN NEIGHBORING VILLAGES, AND WHAT HOPE IS THERE FOR US IF WE CANNOT STAND UP FOR OUR OWN VALUES?

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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I PROPOSE THAT WE MAKE NEXT YEAR A YEAR OF

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CONCENTRATED ACTION. THE YEAR THAT DEMOCRACIES PUSH BACK AND RECLAIM THEIR

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INITIATIVE. TO TOTAL DICTATORSHIPS YOU MAY NOT NEED A HURRICANE. IT'S NOT WHAT BELARUSIANS ARE

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ASKING FOR. JUST GIVE US THE RIGHT HELP FROM

2:39:49

JUST THE RIGHT DIRECTION AT JUST THE RIGHT MOMENT. BECAUSE AS WE KNOW,

2:39:54

DICTATORSHIPS SEEM ALL-POWERFUL UNTIL SUDDENLY THEY ARE NOT. THERE ARE TREES THAT CAN GROW

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TALL AND WIDE, BUT THEIR ROOTS ARE ALWAYS SHOW.

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DEAR LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I FEEL PROUD OF MY FELLOW BELARUSIANS.

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OUR STRUGGLE CONTINUES. FIGHT WITH DICTATOR -- WITH

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PRIDE TO FIGHT TERROR AND FEAR, AND I ALSO FEEL OPTIMISTIC.

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WE HAVE A NEW QUALITY OF

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BELARUSIAN SOCIETY. PEOPLE ARE DETERMINED. THEY DON'T RELY ON SOMEONE ANYMORE.

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THEY ACT THEMSELVES. THEY CREATE STRUCTURES THAT WILL

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BECOME AUDACIOUS AND DEVELOP PERFORMANCE, DISTRIBUTE SELF-PUBLISHED NEWSPAPERS AND TRY TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED AND

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EACH OTHER. WE CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRATIC BELARUS NOW, AND

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WE'LL RELY ON YOUR HELP, BUT ALSO YOUR CONSISTENCY.

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THANK YOU, AND [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COURAGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR VOICE, AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US HERE

2:41:14

TODAY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE FUTURE.

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>>> IT IS MY HONOR AND PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR PANEL DISCUSSION ON PROTECTING

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DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, ELECTIONS, THE RULE OF LAW, AND A RESILIENT INFORMATION SPACE.

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I AM AN MA RI SLAUGHTER, CEO OF NEW AMERICA AND PROFESSOR

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EMERITUS OF POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT PRINCETON UNIVERSITY AND HAD THE

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HONOR SERVING IN THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT UNDER SECRETARY HILLARY CLINTON FROM 2009 TO

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2011. DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS TAKE A LONG TIME TO BUILD AND MATURE,

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BUT CAN ERODE FRIGHTENINGLY QUICKLY. THE WORLD IS EXPERIENCING A PERIOD OF GROWING ECONOMIC

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INEQUALITY, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL FRACTURING AND DECLINING TRUST. IT IS INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT

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DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY IN THE HANDS OF UNSCRUPULOUS OR UNCARING

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CREATORS AND USERS IS ACCELERATING THESE OUTCOMES. YET TECHNOLOGY DOES NOT HAVE TO

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BE A DEMOCRACY DESTROYER. WE CAN WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP

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OPEN ALTERNATIVES ROOTED IN SHARED VALUES, EQUALITY, DIGNITY, LIBERTY, INCLUSION AND

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HUMAN RIGHTS. WE CAN USE TECHNOLOGY TO PROMOTE DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION,

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INNOVATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LOCAL SOVEREIGNTY. WE BELIEVE THAT ACROSS SECTOR

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MULTI-NATIONAL PARTICIPATORY PROCESS CAN CREATE BLUEPRINTS FOR TECHNOLOGY THAT PRESERVES

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AND ENHANCES HUMAN RIGHTS BAKED INTO ITS VERY DESIGN. THAT DEFAULTS IN THE DIRECTION

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OF MEANING. IT ACCOUNTABILITY AND DEBATE, THAT ADVANCES OPENNESS, EQUITY

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AND TRANSPARENCY WHILE PROTECTING PRIVACY. THAT ADDRESSES THE NEEDS OF

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DIVERSE POPULATIONS AND SPURS LOCAL INNOVATION, ENABLES

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GOVERNMENTS TO SERVE THEIR CITIZENS MORE EFFECTIVELY THROUGH USER-CENTERED DESIGN AND

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ADOPTION. THE INTERSECTION OF DEMOCRACY AND TECHNOLOGY WILL DETERMINE

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THE LANDSCAPE OF PEOPLE'S LIVES NO LESS THAN THE ERUPTION OF MOUNTAINS, THE RETREAT OF

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GLACIERS AND THE COURSE OF RIVERS HAS SHAPED OUR PHYSICAL LANDSCAPE. IT IS UP TO US TO ENSURE THAT

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THE TECHNOLOGY WE CREATE THROUGH ROBUST COMPETITION AND INNOVATION STRENGTHENS AND

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SCALES STRONG DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS BOTH WITHIN AND

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ACROSS COUNTRIES. IT IS NOW MY GREAT PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE AMBASSADOR LINDA

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THOMAS-GREENFIELD, THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO OPEN OUR SESSION.

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AMBASSADOR THOMAS-GREENFIELD HAS HAD A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMATIC CAREER. SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA

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WHERE I FIRST MET HER IN 2011. AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR

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AFRICAN AFFAIRS, AND AS DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE, AMONG MANY OTHER POSTINGS.

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MADAM AMBASSADOR. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, DOCTOR

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SLAUGHTER, FOR THAT KIND DESTRUCTION. WE ALL KNOW THAT STRONG DEMOCRACIES CAN DELIVER FOR

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THEIR PEOPLE, BUT EVERYWHERE AROUND THE GLOBE DEMOCRACY IS

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UNDER THREAT. MANY OF OUR COUNTRY HAVE HAD

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AUTHORITARIANS AND NEFARIOUS TRYING TO INTERFERE WITH ELECTIONS. IN SOME PLACES
CORRUPTION IS

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HALLOWING OUT JUDICIAL SYSTEMS UNDERMINING THE RULE OF LAW. ACROSS THE GLOBE
DISINFORMATION

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IS SOWING SEEDS OF DIVISION AND DISTRUST, SHAKING THE CONFIDENCE OF ORDINARY CITIZENS IN
OUR

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DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. OUR DEMOCRACIES ARE BEING

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ATTACKED, OUR INSTITUTIONS TARGETED. WE CANNOT AND WE WILL NOT STAND

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IDLY BY. WITH THOSE THREATS IN MIND, I WANT TO FRAME THIS PANEL

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DISCUSSION THROUGH FOUR QUESTIONS. HOW CAN WE PROTECT OUR ELECTIONS

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AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE? HOW CAN WE BETTER DEFEND THE

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RULE OF LAW? HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR INFORMATION

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ENVIRONMENT MORE RESILIENT? HOW CAN WE SUPPORT THE CIVIL

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SOCIETY ACTORS WHO ARE ESSENTIAL TO THESE CHALLENGES?

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AND, FINALLY, HOW DO WE REBUILD TRUST AND REVITALIZE OUR SHARED

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COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY? THE COMMITMENT THAT UNDERGIRDS

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ALL OF THIS AT A MOMENT WHEN SKEPTICISM AND DIVISIONS ARE SKY

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HIGH? LET'S START WITH ELECTIONS. AFTER ALL, DEMOCRACY IS DEFINED

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BY OUR ELECTORAL PROCESS. WE ARE NOT A DEMOCRACY UNLESS WE'RE ABLE TO FREELY AND FAIRLY

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ELECT OUR LEADERS TO REPRESENT US. OUR LEADERS -- OUR ELECTIONS,

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THEREFORE, COULD BE A POINT OF VULNERABILITY. IN ENSURING OUR ELECTIONS ARE

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SECURE AND FAIR IS IMPORTANT. BECAUSE THE VERY ACT OF HOLDING

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LEGITIMATE ELECTIONS IS A DEMONSTRATION OF STRENGTH.

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EVERY TIME WE HOLD A GENUINE ELECTION, IT IS -- IT'S A CELEBRATION OF OUR DEMOCRATIC

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SYSTEMS. IT IS A PUBLIC AFFIRMATION THAT WE ARE A GOVERNMENT OF THE

2:47:16

PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, WHICH INHERENTLY CREATES TRUST AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

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WHAT'S MORE, WHILE THEY ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, ELECTIONS ARE ONLY ONE MOMENT IN THE

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BROADER DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. ONE OF MANY WAYS FOR CITIZENS TO

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ENGAGE IN DEMOCRACY. JOINING A POLITICAL PARTY OR

2:47:42

CIVIC GROUP, STAYING INFORMED ON THE ISSUES, DISCUSSING SHARED PROBLEMS WITH NEIGHBORS, TALKING

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TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVES, SERVING IN GOVERNMENT PEACEFULLY

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PROTESTING OR PETITIONS, THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WAYS CITIZENS CAN CONTRIBUTE TO

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DEMOCRACY BEYOND THEIR VOTES. AND ON THE OTHER HAND, WE NEED

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TO ENSURE OUR INSTITUTIONS ARE CONSISTENTLY WORKING FOR AND DELIVERING FOR ALL CITIZENS.

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THAT BRINGS ME TO DEFENDING THE RULE OF LAW.

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THE RULE OF LAW IS THE PROMISE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL WILL BE TREATED EQUALLY BEFORE THE LAW.

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THIS PROMISE UNDERGIRDS OUR ENTIRE SYSTEM. THE RULE OF LAW IS CRITICAL TO

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OUR ABILITY TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION, ENSURE THAT INDIVIDUALS AND GOVERNMENTS WILL

2:48:38

BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE IF THEY DON'T FOLLOW THE LAW, AND THAT PEOPLE'S RIGHTS UNDER THE LAW

2:48:45

ARE RESPECTED AND PROTECTED. JUST AS THE RULE OF LAW HOLDS

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ALL OF US ACCOUNTABLE, SO, TOO, DO JOURNALISTS AND A FREE AND

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INDEPENDENT PRESS. THEY'RE ALSO CHARGED WITH THE IMPORTANT TASK OF KEEPING

2:49:04

CITIZENS INFORMED, BUT IN TODAY'S INTERCONNECTED WORLD, THAT CAN BE A REAL CHALLENGE.

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ESPECIALLY AS MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION FLOODS OUR NEWS STREAMS. I KNOW SOME OF OUR PANELISTS,

2:49:20

INCLUDING JESSIKA ARO, WILL SHED LIGHT ON THE CHALLENGES JOURNALISTS FACE TODAY.

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BUT I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT GOVERNMENTS HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY HERE. WE NEED TO FOSTER INFORMATION

2:49:33

ENVIRONMENTS WITH ACCURATE EVIDENCE-BASED INFORMATION, AND WE NEED TO HELP PROMOTE DIALOGUE

2:49:41

AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS TO RECONCILE DIFFERENT POSITIONS. ALL OF THIS COMES BACK TO THAT

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BIG FINAL QUESTION -- HOW DO WE REBUILD TRUST AND

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REVITALIZE OUR SHARED COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY? TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION, I WANT

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TO TURN TO ONE OF MY HEROES. RALPH BUNCH.

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BUNCH WAS AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN DIPLOMAT CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND ABOVE ALL A FIGHTER FOR

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FREEDOM. HE HELPED SHAPE THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND WAS

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INSTRUMENTAL TO THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF

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HUMAN RIGHTS. YESTERDAY WE MARKED THE 50th ANNIVERSARY OF HIS DEATH.

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AND I'M CALLED TO HONOR HIS MEMORY WITH HIS WORDS. IN 1950, BUNCH WAS DELIVERING A

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS TO KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE, AN HISTORICALLY

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BLACK UNIVERSITY. HE WANTED TO ANSWER A SIMPLE QUESTION FOR THE GRADUATING STUDENTS.

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THE SAME QUESTION WE FACE TODAY. HOW CAN WE DEFEND DEMOCRACY AND

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EXPAND IT TO ALL PEOPLES?

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UNDERLINE THAT QUESTION WAS A CLEAR CONUNDRUM. HOW COULD WE DEFEND AND SPREAD
DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM TO THE

2:51:10

WORLD WHEN BLACK AMERICANS WERE NOT EXPERIENCING IT AT HOME?

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BUNCH EXPLAINED THAT JUST THE DAY BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT HAD

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ISSUED THREE LANDMARK DECISIONS. EACH OUTLINED DIFFERENT FORMS OF

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SEGREGATION. THOUGH SLOW, THIS WAS WHAT DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS LOOKED LIKE. HE SHOWED
HOW THIS WAS THE

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RESULT OF ALL THE FORMS OF DEMOCRACY IN ACTION.

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A PEACEFUL PROTEST OF PEOPLE STANDING UP AND DEMANDING THEIR RIGHTS OF ELECTION, OF
MEDIA

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REPORTING ON INJUSTICES, OF INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE RULE OF LAW.

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ALL OF THESE DEMOCRATIC FORCES COMING TO A HEAD TO MAKE THE IDEALS OF OUR COUNTRY A
REALITY

2:52:01

FOR ALL. THEN BUNCH MADE HIS IMPORTANT

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POINT CLEAR. HE SAID -- THE GREATEST DEFENSE FOR

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DEMOCRACY IS ITS PRACTICE. LET ME REPEAT THAT.

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THE GREATEST DEFENSE FOR DEMOCRACY IS ITS PRACTICE.

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THAT IS THE ARGUMENT I WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH TODAY. ALL DEMOCRACIES ARE INHERENTLY

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FLAWED. WE ARE IMPERFECT, BUT THE WAY WE IMPROVE IS BY PRACTICING

2:52:37

DEMOCRACY. BOTH AS CITIZENS AND AS GOVERNMENTS. AND BY PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRATIC

2:52:45

INSTITUTIONS. WHEN WE HOLD FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS AND HOLD OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE,
WHEN WE WORK TO

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IMPROVE OPENLY AND TRANSPARENTLY, THAT IS OUR MOST

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POWERFUL ARGUMENT. THAT IS, IN FACT, OUR STRONGEST DEFENSE. THE MORE DEMOCRATIC WE
BECOME,

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THE STRONGER WE GET, AND WE'RE EVEN STRONGER WHEN WE WORK AT THESE GOALS TOGETHER,
WHICH IS

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WHY I AM SO EXCITED TO TURN IT OVER TO YOU PANELISTS. YOU ALL MAKE UP THE FABRIC OF

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YOUR DEMOCRACIES, PUSHING US TO WORK BETTER AND DELIVER FOR OUR

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PEOPLE, AND I KNOW THAT TOGETHER WE WILL PUSH EACH OTHER AND HELP

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EACH OTHER ADDRESS THESE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTIONS FOR OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

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SO WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, I'LL TURN IT BACK OVER TO OUR

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MODERATOR DR. SLAUGHTER TO LEAD THE PANEL. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR DISCUSSION.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> AMBASSADOR THOMAS-GREENFIELD,

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THANK YOU. YOUR INVOCATION OF RALPH BUNCH WAS EXTRAORDINARILY POWERFUL AS SOMEBODY
WHO WAS A DOMESTIC

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CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE, ACTIVIST, AND A GLOBAL DIPLOMAT.

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SO TODAY WE WILL HEAR FROM A PANEL THAT INCLUDES HEADS OF STATE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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ADVOCATES, JOURNALISTS AND DEMOCRACY ACTIVISTS. THE COMPOSITION OF THIS PANEL AND THE
DESIGN OF THE SUMMIT AS

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A WHOLE MAKES CLEAR THAT PRESERVING AND PROMOTING LIBERAL DEMOCRACY IS UP TO ALL OF US.

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IT'S MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE PANEL.

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HER EXCELLENCY KAJA KALLAS, PRIME MINISTER OF ESTONIA.

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HIS EXCELLENCY HAKAINDE HICHILEMA, PRESIDENT OF ZAMBIA.

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MS. HINA JILANI, JURIST AND MEMBER OF THE ELDERS, PAKISTAN.

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MS. JESSIKA ARO, INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST, FINNISH BROADCASTING

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COMPANY FINLAND AND MR. NICHOLAS OPIYO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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CHAPTER 4, UGANDA. PRIME MINISTER KALLAS, I'LL BEGIN WITH YOU.

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COULD YOU REFLECT ON THE LESSONS THAT OTHER COUNTRIES CAN LEARN FROM ESTONIA'S
SUCCESES AND

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CHALLENGES IN CONSOLIDATING A STRONG DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM? IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD BE
GREAT

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TO HEAR ABOUT HOW YOU HAVE FACED AND ADDRESSED CHALLENGES WITH REGARD TO
DISINFORMATION AND

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MANIPULATION OF THE INFORMATION SPACE GENERALLY, AS WELL AS LESSONS FROM YOUR
COUNTRY'S

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WHOLE OF SOCIETY RESPONSE. >> THANK YOU, AND AN MNE-MARIE,

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I'M SO HAPPY TO BE ON THIS PANEL WITH DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS. I START WITH MY STORY. I
WITNESSED MY COUNTRY'S ROAD TO

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A FREE AND OPEN SOCIETY DURING MY OWN JOURNEY OF GROWING UP 30 YEARS AGO I WAS ONLY A
TEENAGER

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WHEN ESTONIA REJOINED THE FAMILY OF INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. IT IS SAID
YOU ONLY UNDERSTAND

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THE VALUE OF FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY WHEN THE TAKEN FROM YOU. SO I COME FROM THE TIME
WHEN WE

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DIDN'T HAVE FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY, AND, THEREFORE, WE REALLY, REALLY VALUE THIS. WE
PLACED THE RIGHTS OF THE

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INDIVIDUAL AT CENTER OF OUR GOVERNMENTS, AND WORKED HARD TO BUILD THIS SOCIETY THAT RESPECTS

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HUMAN RIGHTS, FREEDOMS AND THE RULE OF LAW. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY FRIENDS AND

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PARTNERS ON THIS BUMPY ROAD WHO HAVE SUPPORTED AND INSPIRED US. SO IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS MATTER AS STRONG INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND STEADY DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT IS

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ONE OF THE IMPORTANT PREWECK

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ZITS TO SUCCEED. THE TOUGH WORK RESTS ON OUR SHOULDERS. THE FIRST TASK WAS TO ESTABLISH

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THE GOVERNANCE BASE AND THE RULE OF LAW. ENSURE THAT THE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, AND

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THIS IS REALLY HARD FOR EVERYONE, THE STATE INCLUDED, TO COMPLY WITH LEGAL ACTS.

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THIS HAS SECURED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, BECAUSE IT IS CLEAR FOR THE

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INVESTORS THAT YOU CAN INVEST, IF YOU CAN TRUST THE LEGAL SYSTEM.

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ESTONIA'S JOURNEY TOOK PLACE HAND IN HAND WITH THE DIGIT'S EVOLUTION. OUR ORGANIZATION AIMED AT

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CITIZEN-FRIENDLY PUBLIC SERVICES. SO 99% OF THE SERVICES ARE ACCESSIBLE ONLINE 24/7 AND EACH

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CITIZEN HAS A SAFE SECURE DIGITAL I.D. ENABLES TO SIGN DOCUMENTS DIGITALLY AND HENCE

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SAVE HUGE AMOUNTS OF TIME. ESTONIA WAS THE FIRST COUNTRY WHERE PEOPLE COULD CAST THEIR

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VOTE ONLINE IN PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS. ALMOST ALL RESIDENTS IN ESTONIA

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FILE ANNUALLY TAX RETURNS ONLINE. WE ALSO LAUNCHED A PAPER-FREE GOVERNMENT ALREADY IN 2000.

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IT HELPED REDUCE SIGNIFICANTLY THE AVERAGE LENGTH OF GOVERNMENT DISCUSSION.

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SO IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF JUST FOR THE TIME THAT IS SAFE, BUT IT'S

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ALSO BECAUSE THE COUNTRY, THE STATE HAS TO BE WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE.

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IT ALL HAS HELPED TRANSPARENCY AND PUT DOWN CORRUPTION AND IT HAS REDUCED COSTS.

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MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, CITIZEN FRIENDLY PUBLIC SERVICES HAVE INCREASED THE POSSIBILITY

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TO EXERCISE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS, AND TO IMPROVE INCLUSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE

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GOVERNANCE. DEMOCRACY HAS ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO THE CONTINUAL FUNCTIONING OF OUR SOCIETY DURING THE PANDEMIC.

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ONLINE SOLUTIONS OFFER FLEXIBILITY AND WE DID NOT SHUT DOWN PUBLIC SERVICES.

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OUR COURTS CONTINUE WITH RELATIVELY LITTLE DISRUPTION, AND PRE-EXISTING TOOLS AND

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SKILLS MADE THE SWITCH TO ONLINE SCHOOLING EASIER. WE TEND TO TAKE OUR FREEDOMS AND

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DEMOCRACY FOR GRANTED. PEOPLE DON'T REALLY THINK ABOUT IT UNTIL IT'S GONE. SO THE KEY QUESTION IS, HOW TO

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DEFEND DEMOCRACY AND HOW TO MAKE SURE IT DELIVERS TO OUR PEOPLE? FIRST, AT THE TIMES OF MULTIPLE

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CRISIS, WE NEED TO ADOPT UPDATES AND UPDATE OUR POLICY,

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PROTECTING OUR HEALTH, OUR CLIMATE OR TO ENSURE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES OUR LIVES.

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BUT THAT, THE LIKE-MIND TO COME TOGETHER AND ACTIVELY SHAPE THE RULES OF THE GAME.

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THE SECOND, OUR SUCCESS IS DETERMINED BY THE ABILITY TO SHAPE OUR DIGITAL FUTURE.

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WE NEED TO WORK FOR SAFE AND ACCESSIBLE GLOBAL DIGITAL

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INFRASTRUCTURE. THE THIRD, OUTSIDE ATTACKS ARE ON THE RISE. DICTATORS ARE INTERESTED IN DISRUPTING OUR SOCIETIES, FOR

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THAT THEY DEPLOY CORRUPTION, PROPAGANDA AND EVEN AGGRESSION. WE MUST RESPOND AND REACT BY

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JOINT WORDS AND FIRM ACTIONS. AND WE MUST NAME THINGS WITH RIGHT WORDS AND AVOID

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AUTOCRACIES AND FINALLY, DEMOCRACIES NEED COURAGEOUS LEADERS AND DECISION-MAKERS WITH

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JOINT DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND FIRM MORAL GROUND AND WE NEED TO VOTE THEM INTO THE OFFICE. HERE DEMOCRACY HAS ITS OWN --

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LUXENBERG'S LONG-SERVING PRIME MINISTER YUNKER SAID, WE ALL KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT BEFORE WE

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HAVE TO WIN THE ELECTIONS. THANK YOU.

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>> PRIME MINISTER KALLAS, THANK YOU, AND I NOTE TWO THINGS.

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ONE, YOUR DISCUSSION OF ELECTIONS ONLINE AND HOW MUCH EASIER THAT IS, ASSUMING DIGITAL

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ACCESS, BUT HOW THAT IS ALSO TIED UP WITH A SECURE DIGITAL IDENTITY, AND WITHOUT ONE, WE CAN'T HAVE THE OTHER.

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AND THEN, OF COURSE, CERTAINLY FOR ALL THE ELECTED OFFICIALS,

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THIS ENTIRE SUMMIT, FIRST THE, WINNING THE ELECTIONS, AS AMBASSADOR THOMAS-GREENFIELD

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SAID, IS ESSENTIAL, AND THE FIRST STEP FOR A DEMOCRACY.

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PRESIDENT HICHILEMA, ONE OF THE IMPORTANT WAYS TO BUILD TRUST IN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IS TO

3:01:05

MAKE DEMOCRACY DELIVER IN TERMS OF ACTUALLY PROVIDING SERVICES TO CITIZENS.

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COULD YOU TALK ABOUT THE WAYS YOU HAVE IMPROVED GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE FOR ORDINARY CITIZENS IN ZAMBIA?

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HOW DO YOU BALANCE THE DEMAND FOR RAPID CHANGE AND THE TIME IT

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TAKES TO BUILD COMPETENT AND EFFECTIVE INSTITUTIONS THAT CAN DELIVER?

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>> WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH,

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DR. ANNE-MARIE SLAUGHTER. I WISH TO RECORD MY APPRECIATION AS WELL TO AMBASSADOR

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THOMAS-GREENFIELD, AND OBVIOUSLY TO EXPRESS ONCE MORE MY

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APPRECIATION, APPRECIATION TO PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR ARRANGING THIS SUMMIT, WHICH GIVES US AN

3:01:54

OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON A SUBJECT WE FUNDAMENTALLY BELIEVE IN.

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DEMOCRACY. RULE OF LAW. HUMAN RIGHTS. LET ME JUST GIVE A SMALL,

3:02:06

SHORT -- QUALITY SHORT BACKGROUND. OUR OWN CASE. SO TO MAKE, IF YOU LIKE, THE BASIS FOR WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY

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IN ANSWERING YOUR QUESTION. ON THE 12th OF AUGUST THIS YEAR, WE WERE OVERWHELMINGLY ELECTED

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ON THE TICKET OF CHANGE BY THE PEOPLE OF ZAMBIA, AND CHANGE FOR

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A BETTER ECONOMY, FOR JOBS, FOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

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OBVIOUSLY FOR SCHOOL-GOING KIDS, AN OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO SCHOOL. TO INHERENT WHAT I CALL THE BEST

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INVESTMENT. EDUCATION, AND OBVIOUSLY, NOT JUST ON ECONOMIC SIDE, SOCIAL

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SIDE AS WELL WITH REGARDS TO CIVIL LIBERTIES, A BETTER LIFE

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FOR ALL. THAT IS THE BASIS UPON WHICH WE WERE ELECTED IN OFFICE.

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AGAIN, IT'S A VERY, VERY DIFFERENT DEMOCRATIC OR ABSENCE OF DEMOCRATIC SPACE SORRY TO

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SAY. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO SAY BEFORE WE WERE ELECTED IN OFFICE, DEMOCRACY IN ZAMBIA WAS ON THE

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DECLINE. NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. HUMAN RIGHTS OBVIOUSLY WERE ON THE RISE.

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ARRESTS, EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLINGS, ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION HAPPENED RHETORICALLY AND INDEED

3:03:24

A GENERAL BREAKDOWN IN THE RULE OF LAW. GENERAL BREAKDOWN IN ORDER IN

3:03:29

OUR COMMUNITIES. SO WE SET OUT TO BEGIN WITH TO

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REVEST THIS NEGATIVE TREND ON

3:03:42

ZAMBIANS, AND WHAT THEY CALL IT CHANGE IN THE ATMOSPHERE, AND THEN YOU CAN HEAR AND SAY SO IN

3:03:49

THE STREETS OF THE CAPITAL CITY AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THEY CALL IT A NEW ERA OF

3:03:56

FREEDOM, WHICH THEY HAVE JUST ACQUIRED, AND WE ARE, WOULD GO VERY HARD TO CREATING A DIVERSE,

3:04:02

INCLUSIVE AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL DELIVER FOR THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT TO DELIVER.

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OTHERWISE, DEMOCRACY WILL BE SAFE NOT TO BE WORKING FOR THE AVERAGE CITIZEN.

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SO OUR CONDUCT IS CHARACTERIZED BY PROPER PLANNING. WE DO THINGS IN AN ORCHESTRATED

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MATTER DELIBERATELY, IN A TRANSPARENT MANNER IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC RESOURCES IN PARTICULAR WE HAVE BROUGHT

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ABOUT WHAT WE CALL REINING IN ON EXCESSIVE PUBLIC EXPENDITURES.

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EXTRAVAGANCE THAT BASICALLY WAS THE SEMBLANCE OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT, AND WE WERE GOING

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STRAIGHT TO REIN IN ON THIS ON ONE SIDE. ON ANOTHER, TO REIN IN ON THAT

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ACQUISITION WHICH WAS BASICALLY CROWDING OUT RESOURCES, DOMESTIC

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RESOURCES, FOR INVESTMENTS, AND BASICALLY, THIS IS -- THIS IS -- THIS WAS LIKE A CONSTANT AND

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WE'RE WORKING TO THE CONSTANT TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES TO RECONSTRUCT THE ECONOMY AND DELIVER BETTER.

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WE COMMITTED TO RUNNING AN OPEN GOVERNMENT. THAT IS WORKING WITH VARIOUS

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INSTITUTIONS, STAKEHOLDERS, FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO CIVIL SOCIETY, AS PARTNERS IN

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DEVELOPMENT. NOT JUST TO USE THEM AS TOOLS, BUT TO TAKE THEM AS GENUINE

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PARTNERS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESSES. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AS WELL. WE ARE STRENGTHENING AND

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PRESERVING THE SEPARATION OF POWERS AMONG THE EXECUTIVES,

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INVOLVING EXECUTIVES. OBVIOUSLY THE LEGISLATURE AND THE JUDICIAL, BECAUSE THESE CREATE THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT

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THAT WOULD ALLOW ANY DECENT DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO DELIVER

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DIVIDENDS. SO WE HAVE EMBRACED THE FOLLOWING FUNDAMENTALLY IN ORDER TO QUICKLY MOVE TO DELIVERING

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FOR THE PEOPLE. ONE, ZERO TOLERANCE TO CORRUPTION. AS I SAID, PUBLIC EXPENDITURES

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ON THE RISE, AND BASICALLY -- AND WE KNOW THAT THIS INCREASES

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PUBLIC EXPENDITURES WAS DRIVEN BY THE APPETITE FOR CORRUPTION,

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TO TAKE RESPONSES AWAY FROM THOSE THAT NEED THE MOST. CHILDREN INCLUDED. THE YOUNG, THE WOMEN, THE OLD

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INCLUDED IN THERE. NUMBER TWO, WE ARE RESTORING THE RULE OF LAW. AS I SAID, AS A TOTAL BREAKDOWN

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IN THE RULE OF LAW, BECAUSE YOU REALLY CANNOT EXPECT INVESTMENT -- YOU CAN'T EXPECT

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ECONOMIC REVIVAL IN AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THERE IS A GENERAL BREAKDOWN IN LAW AND ORDER, AND OVERALL IN THE RULE

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OF LAW. SO WE ARE RESTORING THAT AS A PRIORITY. WE ARE DELIVERING ON THE --

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MEDIA IS VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF DEMOCRACY. WE MUST ALL AGREE. ALL OF US WHO BELIEVE IN -- NEED

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TO KNOW A FREE MEDIA IS PART OF THAT PACKAGE. EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. NUMBER FOUR, WE ARE PROMOTING

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UNITY AND DIVERSITY, BECAUSE WE'RE A COUNTRY OF DIVERSITY. I KNOW MOST PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT

3:07:01

PART OF OUR CITIZENRY DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THIS COUNTRY, COUNTRY OF DIVERSITY, AND WE ARE WORKING TO REUNITE THE COUNTRY,

3:07:10

CO TO REUNITE OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE THE BASIS OF WHAT I CALL A SENSE OF OWNERSHIP.

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NOT THEM AND US, BUT WE. THAT'S IMPORTANT IN A DEMOCRACY. TO INSCRIBE THAT, AND THAT

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CREATES, AGAIN, THE RIGHT NOT FOR US TO DELIVER MORE FOR OUR PEOPLE AND FIVE, INCLUSIVE IN

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THE BROAD PROCESS, IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS, THIS SOCIAL

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ASPECTS OF COUNTRIES. OUR NEEDS ARE VERY, VERY IMPORTANT AND SIX WORKING,

3:07:39

EMBRACING CIVIL SOCIETY, FUNDAMENTALLY. THESE ARE PARTNERS, AS I SAY. SEVEN, WORKING WITH DEVELOPMENT

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PARTNERS WHO DELIVER. TO DELIVER FOR OUR PEOPLE, AND ALL OF THIS SETS THE BASIS, SETS THE OPERATING ENVIRONMENT, WHICH

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IS OBVIOUSLY WHAT A DEMOCRACY MUST DO.

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OTHERWISE, YOU JUST HAVE TOTAL CONFUSION AND YOU CANNOT LINE THE DUCKS IN A ROW AND DEAL WITH THEM IN A WAY THAT WOULD DELIVER

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WITHOUT THIS. I THINK LASTLY, WE ARE

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UNDERTAKING A -- PROBLEM, IN THE PAST RESOURCES CONCENTRATED IN THE CAPITAL CITY, AND PROBABLY I

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DARE SAY THIS IS WHERE THE SEED OF CORRUPTION IS, AND THE PUBLIC

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OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL CITY DID NOT REALLY HAVE A FEEL THAT THERE WERE RESOURCES IN THE COUNTRY

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FOR THEM. SO WE ARE PUSHING DEVOLUTION,

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EQUALITY, CENTRALIZATION, VERY, VERY HIGH. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? WE HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY, OUR VERY

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FIRST BUDGET. INCREASED RESOURCES TO CONSTITUENCIES IN THEIR DISTRICTS AND THAT IS IMPORTANT.

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WHY IS IT IMPORTANT? IT ALLOWS LOCAL PEOPLE TO DECIDE ON THEIR DEVELOPMENTAL

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PRIORITIES. WHICH MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM ONE AREA TO ANOTHER. AND IT IS THERE, BUT THIS WE

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HAVE HAD TO PACKAGE WITH FINANCIAL RESOURCES. ONE OF THOSE THAT WE HAD TO DO. WE ARE ENSURING THAT LOCAL

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PROCUREMENT, RESOURCES LOCATED TO THEIR LOCAL AREAS. THAT, I THINK SSHS NOTHING MORE,

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KNOW, IMPORTANT TO THE LOCAL PEOPLE THAN THEM FEELING THAT THEY HAVE THE POWER TO DECIDE TO

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PLAN THEIR PRIORITIES. THEY HAVE RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT

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THOSE DECISIONS THEY'VE MADE, AND IN TERMS OF PURSUING THEIR PRIORITIES. WE CLEARLY ARE PUSHING THE ISSUE

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OF THE INSTITUTIONAL BUILDING AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE THESE

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RESOURCES. BUT NMORE THAN THAT, BE ABLE TO ENSURE THESE RESOURCES ARE USED IN AN ACCOUNTABLE AND EFFICIENT

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MANNER AND PRODUCTIVE LEVEL, UNLIKE WAS HAPPENING AT CENTER. YES, THE CENTER STILL CONTROLS

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HUGE RESOURCES BUT AT LEAST THE LOCAL PEOPLE NOW HAVE A TASTE OF WHAT THEY'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR FOR YEARS SINCE THE DEBATES.

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WE'RE TAKING POWER TO THE PEOPLE. WHAT IS DEMOCRACY? POWER TO THE PEOPLE, AND WE SEE THAT IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF

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MONTHS AND YEARS. IT WILL BE VISIBLE.

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BENEFITS WILL BE VISIBLE TO OUR PEOPLE AND DELIVERING BENEFITS TO OUR PEOPLE IN A DEMOCRACY

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SHOULD TAKE CENTER STAGE, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT WILL SUSTAIN OUR DEMOCRACY.

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>> PRESIDENT HICHILEMA, THANK YOU. YOU'VE GIVEN AN ENTIRE MANUAL OF DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE AND I WAS

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TAKING NOTES OF ALL YOUR DIFFERENT MEASURES. TWO POINTS YOU MADE THAT I THINK ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

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ONE, INSTITUTIONS. THOSE ALL-IMPORTANT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS ARE ULTIMATELY MADE

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OF PEOPLE, AND THEY HAVE TO BE HONEST, DEDICATED PEOPLE. SO YOUR POINT ABOUT FIGHTING

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CORRUPTION IS ESSENTIAL FOR STRONG DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, AND, SECOND, YOUR POINT ABOUT

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PARTNERING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY. THE DEMOCRACY OF THE 21st CENTURY CANNOT BE LEFT TO

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GOVERNMENT. IT HAS TO BE ALL OF OUR PRACTICE, BUT CIVIL SOCIETY IS

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THE ESSENTIAL BACKBONE OF A STRONG DEMOCRACY.

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MS. JILANI, YOU HAVE LONG EXPERIENCED ADVOCATING FOR RIGHTS OF WOMEN, RELIGIOUS

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MINORITIES AND OTHER MINORITY GROUPS IN PAKISTAN AND

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ELSEWHERE. HOW CAN PEOPLE-CENTERED JUSTICE BUILD POPULAR TRUST IN DEMOCRACY AND HELP DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

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DELIVER? SPECIFICALLY, HOW CAN HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY PREVAIL DURING

3:11:42

PERIODS OF CRISIS, EITHER MANUFACTURED OR REAL? SUCH AS THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC,

3:11:48

WHEN THE GOVERNMENT MAY SEEK TO EXPLOIT THE CRISIS TO CENTRALIZE POWER?

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>> THANK YOU, DR. SLAUGHTER. I MUST START WITH APPRECIATING

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YOUR LAST COMMENTS ABOUT A GOVERNMENT BEING UNDER AN OBLIGATION IN A DEMOCRATIC

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SOCIETY TO LISTEN TO CIVIL SOCIETY VOICES AND TO ALLOW THE

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CIVIL SOCIETY TO BRING FORWARD THE VOICES OF THOSE WHOSE VOICES ARE NEVER HEARD.

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WHAT YOU'VE PUT -- OBVIOUS.

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-- BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF DEMOCRACY. FAILURES IN THIS RESPECT AND THE

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LACK OF PEOPLE-CENTERED APPROACH HAS RESULTED IN MANY COUN

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COUNTRIES --

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ARE STILL PERPETUAL STATE OF TRANSITION, BECAUSE THE SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY IS NOT

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SUFFICIENTLY THERE IN THE PEOPLE, BECAUSE OF THE WAY THAT THEY PERCEIVE THE INSTITUTIONS

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HAVE FAILED THEM. AND I THINK THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO REMEMBER

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THAT IT IS NOT ONE INSTITUTION THAT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR

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DELIVERING THE BENEFITS OF DEMOCRACY TO THE PEOPLE. IT IS ALL INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE

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THE CAPACITY, ALL THE RESPONSIBILITY TO FULFILL PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS, HAVE THE

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RESPONSIBILITY AND THE BURDEN OF MAKING SURE THAT THEY -- THEIR

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POLICIES, THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITIES ARE SUFFICIENT TO BRING TO THE PEOPLE THE BENEFITS

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OF DEMOCRACY. WITHOUT WHICH, THE SUPPORT FOR

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DEMOCRACY WILL WANE. AND IT IS A WANING. WE ALL KNOW WHAT KIND OF TRICKS

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THERE ARE TO DEMOCRACY TODAY AND HOW MANY CHALLENGES. PEOPLE LIKE MYSELF AND OTHERS ON THIS PANEL AND AROUND THE WORLD,

3:14:32

WHO ARE FIGHTING TO PRESERVE DEMOCRACY, TO PROMOTE HUMAN

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RIGHTS, HAVE TO OVERCOME. MANY, MANY IMPEDIMENTS THAT ARE PLACED IN OUR WAY TO BE ABLE TO

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BRING BACK PEOPLE-CENTERED APPROACH, WHICH STRENGTHENS DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS

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THEMSELVES AND IN MANY WAYS

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COMPASSITATES TO THE POWER OF THE STATE. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO RECOGNIZE THIS AND WE ARE COULD CONFRONT THEM AND ARE ABLE TO --

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TO BRING ALTERNATIVES AND TRANSFORMATIONS IN OUR SOCIETY THAT ELIMINATE THOSE CHALLENGES.

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FOR INSTANCE, ONE OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES I SEE AROUND MYSELF IN MY REGION AND IN MY COUNTRY

3:15:24

IS THE RECURRENT INTERVENTIONS BY THE MILITARY THAT BREAK UP

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THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, AND RESULT IN A LACK OF FAITH OF

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PEOPLE, EVEN IN THE ELECTIONS THAT HAPPEN. WE ARE ALL FOR ELECTIONS, BUT WE

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ALL KNOW THAT ELECTIONS ARE NOT ENOUGH FOR DEMOCRACY. TO ACHIEVE AN ENVIRONMENT IN

3:15:47

WHICH FAIR AND FREE ELECTIONS CAN HAPPEN, WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE POLITICAL PROCESS COMES

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TO NEWS LONG ENOUGH FOR -- FOR DEMOCRACIES TO PROSPER AND GROW.

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AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO ALSO SEE THAT -- AND I THINK IT'S NOT

3:16:08

JUST ONE COUNTRY, BUT LOOK AT THE REGION THAT I LIVE IN, AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN OTHER

3:16:15

REGIONS. WE HAVE SEEN MYANMAR, HOW THINGS ARE HAPPENING THERE, AFTER 50

3:16:20

YEARS, DEMOCRACY WAS RESTORED BUT ONLY SHORT-LIVED. SAME TIME WE ARE SEEING WHAT'S

3:16:26

HAPPENING IN SUDAN. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, EVEN WITHOUT ACTIVE INTERVENTION, THE

3:16:35

GROWING ENCROACHMENT OF MILITARY ON CIVIL SPACES IS ALSO NARROWING DOWN THE PROSPECTS FOR DEMOCRATIC GROWTH IN MANY

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COUNTRIES. THE OTHER CHALLENGE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PUT FORWARD IS GROWING A

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RELIGIOUS EXTREMISM, WHICH IS CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH SPEECH IS SILENCED.

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IN WHICH DIVERSITY IS DISCOURAGED RATHER THAN CELEBRATED, AND THEN THE LAST

3:17:02

ONE. THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE THAT WE ARE SEEING ALL OVER THE WORLD,

3:17:07

AND WHICH IS MAKING DEMOCRATIC PROSPECTS AND COLLECTIVE EFFORTS TOWARDS ACHIEVING DEMOCRACY

3:17:13

DIFFICULT IN MANY REGIONS. YOU'LL SEE EUROPE. YOU SEE AFRICA.

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YOU CAN SEE THIS IN LATIN AMERICA AND YOU CAN SEE THIS IN -- IN MANY COUNTRIES OF ASIA.

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SO THESE ARE SOME OF THE COMMON CHALLENGES THAT WE ALL FACE. THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY AND

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THE CIVIL SOCIETY GENERALLY HAS DONE WHATEVER IT IS TO KEEP THE

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TORCH LIGHTED, AND TO PROMOTE AND PROTECT FREEDOMS AND

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PRESERVE THOSE FREEDOMS WHICH ARE SO IMPORTANT TO DEFEND HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE

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CHALLENGED. HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS BRING A GREAT DEAL OF COST TO PRESERVE

3:17:55

THESE FREEDOMS. MANY EMERGENCIES THAT WE SEE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS

3:18:01

SEEN THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY AND THE CIVIL SOCIETY HAS BEEN IN THE FRONT LINE OF

3:18:08

MAKING VISIBLE THE PRINCIPLE THAT YOU ONLY OVERCOME

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CHALLENGES AND FIGHT EMERGENCIES WITHIN THE FRAME OF THE RULE OF LAW, AND BY THIS I MEAN THAT IF

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YOU MAKE THE LAW AN INSTRUMENT OF REPRESSION, THEN YOU ARE VIOLATING THE RULE OF LAW.

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SO IN MANY WAYS I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT EVERY INSTITUTION OF DEMOCRACY BE THAT THE

3:18:32

PARLIAMENT OR THE JUDICIARY OR THE ELECTION COMMISSIONS, THEY CONFRONT AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH

3:18:37

THEIR INDEPENDENCE IS BEING CHALLENGED EVERY DAY, AND THE

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REASON ESPECIALLY NOT STREAMED UNDER PRESSURE WILL POLITICAL --

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HAPPENING IN MANY COUNTRIES. INTERVENTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN FORCES INCLUDING THE MILITARY

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AND THESE ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES THAT THE CIVIL SOCIETY ALSO IS CONFRONTING AT THE SAME TIME WHEN THE CIVIL

3:19:02

SOCIETY'S BASE IS BEING NARROWED DOWN, FREEDOM ASSOCIATION IS UNDER THREAT. FREEDOM OF SPEECH UNDER THREAT.

3:19:08

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IS UNDER THREAT. SO I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US WHEN AS A CIVIL SOCIETY

3:19:14

WE CONFRONT THESE ENVIRONMENTS IN OUR COUNTRIES, WE DON'T DO

3:19:22

INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IF -- IF OUR INTERNAL SYSTEMS

3:19:28

ARE EITHER UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO BRING RELIEF AND CHANGE, THESE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEMS OF

3:19:33

HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VERY IMPORTANT. THE CIVIL SOCIETY UNFORTUNATELY

3:19:39

SEES SPACE NARROWING DOWN EVEN THERE WITH THE WHOLE MULTILATERAL SYSTEM WANING

3:19:45

BEFORE OUR EYES. AND I THINK THESE ARE SYSTEMS THAT ARE IMPORTANT. THESE ARE, IT IS OUR COLLECTIVE

3:19:53

RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THESE AS COLLECTIVE PROBLEMS AND COMMON PROBLEMS. SO IN TODAY'S TROUBLED AND

3:20:00

TURBULENT TIMES WHEN THE FORCES OF POPULISM, ISOLATIONISM AND

3:20:06

UNILATERALISM ARE ON THE RISE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL BELIEVE IN IMPORTANCE OF DEMOCRATIC

3:20:13

INSTITUTIONS AND STAND STRONG. IT IS ONLY THROUGH COLLECTIVE EFFORTS THAT WE CAN OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS AND IMPEDIMENTS

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THAT ARE ATTRACTED TO DEMOCRACY,

3:20:29

THESE ARE A THREAT TO THE INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS TO ELECTIONS.

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WE CAN FIND AN ISSUE. THERE IS NO PROBLEM THAT HAS NO SOLUTION.

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THE THING IS, THERE ARE INTERESTS THAT OBSTRUCT OUR WAYS IN FINDING THOSE SOLUTIONS.

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WHILE THE CHALLENGES ARE DAUNTING, WE CANNOT SUCCUMB. WE CANNOT AVOID TAKING

3:20:53

COLLECTIVE ACTIONS TO BRING ABOUT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS THAT GIVES STRENGTH TO DEMOCRACY, RULE OF LAW AND

3:20:59

THE GENERAL PARTICIPATION OF SHIFTING THE POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT IN THEIR COUNTRIES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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>> MS. JILANI, THANK YOU FOR, REALLY, A REPORT FROM THE FRONT LINES OF DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE.

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I ALSO WOULD NOTE THAT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT STRONG AND INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC

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INSTITUTIONS, YOU TALK ABOUT PARLIAMENTS AND JUDICIARIES, BUT EQUALLY ELECTION COMMISSIONS,

3:21:27

WHICH ARE VITAL INSTITUTIONS THAT WE OFTEN DO NOT PAY AS MUCH ATTENTION TO WHEN WE THINK ABOUT

3:21:33

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. MS. ARO, YOU'VE HAD THE

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EXPERIENCE OF BOTH INVESTIGATING AND BEING TARGETED BY DISINFORMATION CAMPAIGNS, AND

3:21:45

OTHER WAYS OF MANIPULATING THE INFORMATION ENVIRONMENT.

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GIVEN THE KEXPONENTIAL ATTACKS

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HOW CAN SOCIETIES BUILD RESILIENCE AGAINST THIS AND PRESENT AND OPEN AND TRUSTWORTHY

3:22:04

AND TRANSPARENT INFORMATION SPACE? AS I KNOW YOU KNOW, THESE TYPES OF DISINFORMATION ATTACKS AND

3:22:10

DISTORTIONS CAN HAVE A PARTICULAR IMPACT ON WOMEN AND

3:22:17

LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN THE MEDIA AND POLITICAL SECTORS. HOW CAN WE EDUCATE MEDIA

3:22:23

CONSUMERS AND THE BROADER PUBLIC TO HELP BUILD CONSTITUENCIES FOR ACTIVE AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC

3:22:29

DISCOURSE ON AND OFF-LINE?

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>> THANK YOU. FIRST, THANK YOU, HONORABLE PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER,

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AMBASSADOR, DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS AND THANK YOU DR. SLAUGHTER FOR THESE BURNING

3:22:46

QUESTIONS THAT MANY SOCIETIES ARE TRYING TO FIND ANSWERS TO AT THE MOMENT.

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HOW CAN INFORMATION BE BUILT -- I'M A JOURNALIST.

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SO I PRIORITIZE THE FREE PRESS AND IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AS KEY ELEMENTS IN BUILDING

3:23:05

RESILIENCE, BUT MUCH OF THAT ALSO IS PROTECTING PEOPLE FROM

3:23:10

FOREIGN INTERFERENCE. IT'S BASICALLY THE FREE PRESS THAT ENABLES THE CITIZENS TO BE TIMELY AND WELL-INFORMED AND

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EDUCATED, THUS MAKING INDEPENDENT DECISIONS, EVEN WHEN CONFRONTED BY HOSTILE INFLUENCE

3:23:27

ATTEMPTS OR OTHER THREATS TO DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND

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NATIONAL SECURITY. BUT THAT IS A JOURNALISTS WHO ARE THE FIRST ON EARTH AND

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ALARMED ABOUT THESE ATTEMPTS. INFORMATION WARS, DISINFORMATION COMPANIES, FRAUDULENT ELECTIONS,

3:23:47

ATTEMPTED COUPS. FOR EXAMPLE, LET ME MENTION MY PROFESSIONAL IDOLS.

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THE SUPER BRAVE RUSSIAN JOURNALISTS INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS WHO ALREADY BACK IN

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2013 EXPOSED THE THEN NEW PHENOMENON OF KREMLIN'S

3:24:05

INFORMATION WARFARE. SOCIAL MEDIA PROPAGANDA OFFICE IN ST. PETERSBURG.

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LATER THE SAME FACTORY BECAME WORLD FAMOUS AS IT STARTED TO INTERFERE AND ATTACK FOREIGN

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ELECTIONS, AND MANIPULATING THE MINDS OF VOTERS IN A VARIETY OF

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DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. BUT THESE JOURNALISTS WHO INFILTRATED THE FACTORY AND MADE

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STORIES, THEY STARTED TO MAKE AWARENESS AND BUILD RESILIENCE

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INTERNATIONALLY WHEN THE TROLL FACTOR STARTED TO CAUSE PROBLEMS NOT JUST TO THEIR NEWEST

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ELECTIONS IN 2016, BUT TO SO MANY OTHER ELECTIONS AROUND EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE.

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SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO SEE THAT THIS JOURNALISTIC WORK OFTEN COMES WITH HIGH PRICE TAG AS

3:25:01

REPORTERS WANTS TO BE SILENCED WITH HOSTILE ATTEMPTS AND ACTS OF INFORMATION WARFARE BY

3:25:08

REGIMES. SO IF THE BAD ACTORS MANAGE TO SILENCE THE JOURNALISTS, AND THE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ALONG WITH

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THEM NEXT IN LINE ARE THE OTHER FREEDOMS AND RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS. THEN, HOW CAN SOCIETIES PROTECT

3:25:22

THE OPEN AND TRUSTWORTHY INFORMATION SPACE? THIS IS WHERE WE JOURNALISTS AND CITIZENS ABSOLUTELY, NO DOUBT,

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NEED STRONG, INDEPENDENT TRUST SYSTEMS, POLICE, PROSECUTORS AND

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UNBIASED COURTS. IN THE END, THESE SAME TRUST

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SYSTEM, DEMOCRATIC TRUST SYSTEM IS ALSO AT THE CORE OF THESE HOSTILE ATTACKS.

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AND THEN HOW CAN WE EDUCATE THE MEDIA CONSUMERS AND THE BROADER PUBLIC TO HELP BUILD

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CONSTITUENCIES FOR ACTIVE AND INCLUSIVE PUBLIC DISCOURSE? THIS IS ALSO BRILLIANT QUESTION OF A TRICKY TASK IN THESE TIMES,

3:26:05

AND IT'S NOT MORE IMPORTANT, NOW MORE THAN EVER TO INCLUDE ALL MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY IN THE

3:26:11

DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. I WANT TO PROVIDE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF MY EMPLOYEE THAT I'M SO PROUD

3:26:18

OF. FINISHED BROADCASTING COMPANY. FINNISH BROADCASTING COMPANY. REALLY HIGH TRUST RATES AMONG

3:26:26

THE AUDIENCE IT OFFERS UNBIASED INFORMATION AND ALSO QUITE A

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SECURE INFORMATION STATE FOR PEOPLE TO FORM AND BUILD AND

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OFFER OPINIONS, AND MY COLLEAGUES WORK REALLY HARD TO ALSO REACH THOSE PARTS OF THE

3:26:43

AUDIENCE THAT ARE NOT NORMALLY EVEN INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC DEBATES OR CONSUMING

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NEWS AT ALL. AND ALSO WE HAVE SPECIFIC

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CAMPAIGNS WHICH AIM AT SECURING PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN

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PUBLIC DEBATES SUCH AS [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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CAMPAIGN, THE CORE IS TO PROVIDE A SAFE INFORMATION SPACE WHERE EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE AND

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WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME. AND THESE ARE THE ACTIVITIES AND

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APPROACHES THAT I RECOMMEND TO ALL MEDIAS AROUND THE WORLD. THANK YOU.

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>> MS. ARO, THANK YOU. AS YOU WERE SPEAKING I WAS THINKING TO MYSELF THAT AS I WAS GROWING UP, A TROLL FACTORY WAS

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SOMETHING I MIGHT HAVE ASSOCIATED WITH A FAIRY TALE, WITH THE VERY IDEA WE HAVE, YOU

3:27:38

KNOW, TROLLS IN THE INFORMATION SPACE, BUT ALSO, THANK YOU FOR DESCRIBING THE WAYS IN WHICH WE

3:27:45

ACTUALLY CAN CREATE A SAFE INFORMATION SPACE AND A TRUSTED MEDIA OUTLET.

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MR. OPIYO, AS HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER, YOU'VE HAD PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE WITH THE EVOLUTION OF

3:27:58

ELECTION FRAUD AND MANIPULATION TACTICS. MANY OF WHICH ARE INCREASINGLY HARD TO DETECT AND ARE DEPLOYED

3:28:05

EARLIER IN THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. HOW CAN CIVIL SOCIETY AND ELECTION OBSERVERS ANTICIPATE

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AND ADAPT TO STAY AHEAD OF THESE TACTICS? AND HOW CAN THE INTERNATIONAL

3:28:17

COMMUNITY BOLSTER THE FIGHT FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES AND INDEPENDENT JUDICIARIES IN COUNTRIES WITH

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CLOSING CIVIC SPACE?

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>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, EXCELLENCIES. THANK YOU TO PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR

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CONVENING THIS SUMMIT. LEM BE VERY FRANK AT THE VERY BEGINNING. ALL THAT I AM HEARING SOUNDS

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VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT HAPPENED MANY YEARS BACK. MY HOPE IS THAT AFTER THIS

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SUMMIT WE CAN GET TO WORK TO PUTTING INTO APPLICATION OUR

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COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING DEMOCRACIES AROUND THE WORLD.

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SECONDLY, IN MANY COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD, THERE'S GROWING DISILLUSIONMENT WITH

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DEMOCRACY AS A SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT, BECAUSE OF GROWING

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INEQUALITIES, RISE OF AUTHORITARIANISM, CLOSING OFF CIVIC SPACE.

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BUT LET'S RECOMMIT OURSELVES AND STATE AT THE VERY BEGINNING THAT WE AS YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE

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WORLD DEMAND FOR DEMOCRACY. THE DEMAND FOR DEMOCRACY IS STILL AS STRONG AS IT HAS EVER

3:29:30

BEEN, BECAUSE IT IS THE BEST SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT THAT ENSURES ENJOYMENT OF
FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS.

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IN MANY COUNTRIES ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD. THESE ELECTIONS ARE FRAUDULENT IN SO MANY
WAYS.

3:29:43

MY OWN COUNTRY UGANDA, JUST WENT THROUGH AN ELECTION THAT HAS BEEN HOTLY CONTESTED.

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ELECTION THAT HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY REPORTED CASES OF DISAPPEARANCES OF YOUNG

3:29:56

PEOPLE. THE WIDESPREAD USE OF TORTURE AS A MEANS OF CONDUCTING THE

3:30:01

ELECTION. THE USE OF LIVE BULLETS ON THE STREET AND JUDICIAL KILLINGS OF

3:30:07

PEOPLE PEACEFULLY PROTESTING. SO IN MANY COUNTRIES THESE ELECTIONS HAVE LOST MEANING
AND

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ONLY BECOME A RITUAL. CIVIL SOCIETY ACTIVISTS WHO

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ORGANIZE ELECTION WERE ARRESTED ON ELECTION DAY IN UGANDA.

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ORGANIZATIONS THAT WENT FOR ELECTIONS AND HAD ACCOUNTS FROZEN, HAD THEIR OFFICES
CLOSED. SO THE ELECTORAL PROCESS DOES

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NOT REPRESENT IN LARGE PART THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AS THEY ARE MANIPULATED.

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ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS OFTEN LATE IN THE PROCESS, AND ONLY TAKE PART ON VOTING
DAY,

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AND YET THE ELECTORAL PROCESS BEGINS WAY BEFORE VOTING DAY. SO IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR

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DEMOCRATIC PROCESS WE MUST ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS EARLY IN THE PROCESS, AND BEGIN TO TAKE

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DEMOCRATIC PROCESS NOT ONLY AS IMPORTANT DAY EVENT BUT A

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YEAR-LONG EVENT THAT WE ALL MUST GET ENGAGED IN. THE SECOND ONE IS THAT COUNTRIES

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ARE USING ANTI-TERRORISM MONEY LAUNDERING LAWS THAT ARE INSPIRED BY THE FINANCIAL ACTION

3:31:20

REGULATIONS. WHEN LAWS USED IN DEMOCRATIC -- IN MY OWN COUNTRY IN UGANDA,

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OPPOSITION POLITICIANS OFTEN END UP BEING ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH TREASON, WITH TERRORISM.

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IN MY CASE, MONEY LAUNDERING. SO THEY USE THIS WELL-INTENDED GLOBAL LAWS, DESIGNED TO FIGHT

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MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM, IT'S BEING USED TO ABUSE HUMAN

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RIGHTS. MISUSED TO SUPPRESS THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. WE MUST, THEREFORE, ENGAGE IN A

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PROCESS OF RE-EXAMINING THESE AND THE WAY THEY'RE BEING APPLIED FIRST OF ALL WITH A VIEW

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OF MODELING THEM AND ENSURING THAT THEY ONLY ADDRESS CONCERNS OF MONEY LAUNDERING AND

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ANTI-TERRORISM, BUT ARE NOT USED TO SUPPRESS CIVIL SOCIETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS.

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SECONDLY, WE ALSO MUST BEGIN TO PUT A PREMIUM PRICE ON

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AUTHORITARIAN ACTS --

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>> MR. OPIYO, WE WILL THANK YOU FOR -- FOR DESCRIBING THE

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INTENSE PRESSURES ON DEMOCRATIC ACTIVISTS IN STATES WHERE

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DEMOCRACY IS STILL VERY CONTESTED. THIS HAS BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY,

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RICH DISCUSSION FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF BOTH HEADS OF STATE, PRIME MINISTERS, AND

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ACTIVISTS, LAWYERS, JOURNALISTS. I WILL NOW TURN BACK TO

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AMBASSADOR THOMAS-GREENFIELD TO CLOSE US OUT. >> THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.

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WHAT A TREMENDOUS DISCUSSION WE'VE HAD TODAY, AND I WANT TO

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THANK OUR PANELISTS. I WANT TO THANK OUR SPEAKERS AND OUR MODERATOR EXTRAORDINAIRE FOR

3:33:22

SHARING YOUR THOUGHTS AND JOINING US FOR THIS IMPORTANT DIALOGUE. IT WAS INSIGHTFUL AND INSPIRING

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TO HEAR FROM THE LEADERS OF ESTONIA, ZAMBIA, LITHUANIA AND

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WELL AS BELARUSIAN OPPOSITION LEADER AND PAIR YOUR

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PERSPECTIVES WITH HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS JOURNALISTS AND ELECTION OFFICIAL. HEARING ABOUT THE RULE OF LAW

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AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF A PRESIDENT AND A HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER IN THE SAME

3:33:54

HOUR REALLY PUSHES US TO THINK IN NEW WAYS, AND TRUTHFULLY THIS

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IS THE KIND OF DISCUSSION THAT REPRESENTS THE STRENGTH OF DEMOCRACY, AND I WILL RECALL

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THAT PRIME MINISTER KALLAS SAID DEMOCRACY NEEDS COURAGEOUS LEADERS. AND ALL OF YOU HAVE SHOWN THAT

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KIND OF COURAGE. OUR OPENNESS, OUR TRANSPARENCY, OUR CANDOR, OUR ACCOUNTABILITY

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TO ONE ANOTHER. THAT IS WHAT MAKES DEMOCRACY SO POWERFUL.

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IT EMPOWERS US TO GROW. IT COMPELS US TO RECOMMIT TO THE

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IDEALS THAT WE ASPIRE TO AND REFLECT ON THE WAYS WE MAY NOT BE LIVING UP TO.

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AND IT ALLOWS US TO ENSURE WE ARE DELIVERING FOR OUR PEOPLE.

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SO THANK YOU. THANK ALL OF YOU SO MUCH FOR BOTH REPRESENTING THE BEST OF

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DEMOCRACY AND DOING YOUR PART TO STRENGTHEN IT. WE ARE ALL BETTER FOR IT.

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>> MADAM AMBASSADOR, THANK YOU. AND THANKS TO ALL THE PANELISTS AND TO THE AUDIENCE LISTENING

3:35:07

AROUND THE WORLD. THAT ENDS OUR SESSION. WE WILL NOW HAVE A TEN-MINUTE

3:35:12

BREAK TO BE FOLLOWED BY A FIVE-MINUTE VIDEO AT 9:10 A.M. AND THEN THE NEXT SESSION WILL

3:35:19

BEGIN AT 9:15 EASTERN STANDARD TIME. FOCUSING ON TECHNOLOGY, DIGITAL

3:35:25

AUTHORITARIANISM AND DEMOCRACY.

3:41:08

>>> I THINK WE ARE EXPERIENCING A CRISIS OF TRUST WORLD OVER. IT'S EVERYWHERE.

3:41:13

>> WE ARE SEEING NEW DIGITAL THREATS TO DEMOCRACY.

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DIFFERENT FROM INFORMATION TO MANIPULATE PUBLIC OPINION.

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>> [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE].

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>> PEOPLE HAVE ELECTIONS BUT THEY WERE A CHARADE. >> [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE].

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>> [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE].

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[SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE] >> PEOPLE ARE READY FOR

3:42:00

LEADERSHIP THAT LOOKS AND FEELS DIFFERENT. [APPLAUSE] >> CITIZENS MUST HAVE A SAY IN

3:42:06

DECISIONS THAT IMPACT THEIR LIVES, BUT THIS EXERCISE OF DEMOCRACY MUST NOT BE LIMITED TO

3:42:12

THE BALLOT BOX, BUT RATHER PRACTICED EVERY DAY. >> OPEN GOVERNMENT IS ONE THAT

3:42:20

DOESN'T WANT ME TO TRUST IT BLINDLY. SO IT SHARES INFORMATION WITH ME, RESPECTS ME AS A CITIZEN,

3:42:26

AND VALUES MY VOTE. >> THE COMMUNITY IS GOING TO BE PART OF THE NEGOTIATION.

3:42:35

THAT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT. >> [SPEAKING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGE].

3:42:43

>> IF YOU'RE A CONCERNED CITIZEN, DEMAND OPEN BUDGETS, OPEN CONTRACTS.

3:42:48

ASK TO BECOME THE EYES AND EARS OF PUBLIC SERVICES.

3:42:54

IF YOU'RE WITH THIS JOIN HANDS BECAUSE YOU CANNOT WIN THIS BATTLE ALONE.

3:44:35

>>> HI, EVERYBODY. I AM SO EAGER TO HOST TODAY THE URGENT AND OVERDUE CONVERSATION ON TECHNOLOGY FOR DEMOCRACY.

3:44:43

TECHNOLOGY IS SO OFTEN THE TOOL WE TURN TO DO SOLVE THE WORLD'S GREATEST CHALLENGES, IT'S BEING

3:44:49

WIELDED ADD A WEAPON BY ATHOR KAREN REGIMES TO REPRESS POPULATIONS INTENTIONALLY

3:44:55

DISINFORM THE PUBLIC, TIGHTEN THEIR GRIP ON POWER AND WEAKEN

3:45:00

DEMOCRACIES FROM WITHIN. BUT WE ARE NOT SIMPLY VICTIMS IN THIS FIGHT. TOGETHER WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY

3:45:07

TO STEER THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR THE GREATER DEMOCRATIC GOOD. I FEEL REALLY PRIVILEGED TODAY

3:45:12

TO INTRODUCE TWO LEADERS WHO ARE HELPING TO CHART A NEW PATH FORWARD. THE FIRST IS HER EXCELLENCY HE

3:45:22

METTE FREDERIKEN FROM DENMARK. HISTORIC RISE TO POWER MADE HER

3:45:27

THE YOUNGEST PRIME MINISTER IN DANISH HISTORY AND ALSO JUST THE SECOND WOMAN TO HOLD THAT

3:45:33

OFFICE. HER GOVERNMENT HAS HAD A STRONG FOCUS ON DIGITAL DEMOCRACY AND

3:45:38

IN NOVEMBER LAUNCHED AN EXCITING TECHNOLOGY FOR DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE AIMED AT MAKING

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TECHNOLOGY WORK FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS GLOBALLY. UNDER THE PRIME MINISTER'S

3:45:49

LEADERSHIP DANISH FOREIGN DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE INTENSIFIED ITS FOCUS ON DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS.

3:45:57

YOUR EXCELLENCY, WE COULD NOT BE MORE THRILLED TO HAVE YOU WITH US TODAY AND I WELCOME YOUR REMARKS ON THIS IMPORTANT TOPIC.

3:46:05

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, ADMINISTRATOR POWER. HOW DO WE MAKE TECHNOLOGY WORK FOR OUR DEMOCRACY AND NOT

3:46:10

AGAINST IT? THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST FUNDAMENTAL AND IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF OUR TIME.

3:46:19

THE DATA INFORMATION IS HAPPENING VERY FAST. IT HAS CHANGED THE WAY WE LIVE, WORK AND THE WAY WE COMMUNICATE,

3:46:26

AND IT WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO. IT HAS GIVEN RISE TO NEW

3:46:32

IMPRESSIVE OPPORTUNITIES, BUT ALSO NEW CRUCIAL CHALLENGES.

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AROUND THE WORLD WE SEE INCREASED PRESSURE ON DEMOCRACY,

3:46:42

FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS IN CIVIL SOCIETY. BOTH OFF-LINE AND ONLINE.

3:46:47

REPRESSION AND CENSORSHIP ARE USED TO SILENCE DEMOCRATIC VOICES AND LIMIT FREEDOM OF

3:46:54

EXPRESSION. WE SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS, AND

3:46:59

DENMARK IS COMMITTED TO DO THIS. LET ME EXPLAIN HOW. DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ARE

3:47:08

CALL USERS OF THE DANISH SOCIETY. WE WORK TO SECURE AND PROMOTE THESE VALUES AT HOME AND IN OUR

3:47:14

FOREIGN ENGAGEMENTS ALL OVER THE WORLD. DENMARK IS ONE OF THE MOST

3:47:20

DIGITAL COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WITH SOLUTIONS WE CAN DO THINGS SMARTER, FASTER AND BETTER.

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HOWEVER, THE TRANSFORMATION HAS TO GO HAND IN HAND WITH DEMOCRACY.

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THAT IS WHY DENMARK RECENTLY PRESENTED OUR OWN PLATFORM

3:47:38

CALLED TECH FOR DEMOCRACY. OUR MISSION IS TO BRING GOVERNMENTS, ORGANIZATIONS,

3:47:45

COMPANIES AND ALSO THE CIVIL SOCIETY TOGETHER IN AN OPEN AND

3:47:51

FRANK DISCUSSION. WE WANT TECHNOLOGY TO ENHANCE DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION,

3:47:57

PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PROTECT

3:48:02

DEMOCRATIC VALUES. IN THE COMING YEAR, WE AIM TO CREATE NEW PUBLIC-PRIVATE

3:48:10

PARTNERSHIPS TO DELIVER SOME CONCRETE SOLUTIONS TO SUPPORT THE VOICES OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS ONLINE,

3:48:18

TO HELP ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO NAVIGATE IN THEIR DIGITAL FUTURE, AND TO

3:48:26

ENSURE RELIABLE INFORMATION ONLINE. WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH

3:48:31

THE U.S. AND OTHERS TO FIGHT GENDER-BASED ONLINE ABUSE AND HARASSMENT.

3:48:38

AT HOME, WE RECENTLY LAUNCHED A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS. ONE OF THEM IS TO MAKE SOCIAL

3:48:47

MEDIA RESPONSIBLE FOR THE USE OF THEIR PLATFORMS. THEY MUST HAVE PROCEDURES FOR

3:48:55

REMOVING OF ILLEGAL CONTENT. DENMARK, OF COURSE, CANNOT DO THIS ALONE.

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WE NEED WORLDWIDE ENGAGEMENT, AND CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS HAVE TO BE INCLUDED,

3:49:07

AND TECH COMPANIES NEED TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION. THEY NEED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.

3:49:15

SOME TECH COMPANIES ARE ALREADY MAKING EFFORTS TO DO SO. THAT IS BOTH POSITIVE AND

3:49:22

IMPORTANT. THANK YOU, MR. BRAD SMITH, FOR JOINING THE DISCUSS TODAY. WE ALSO NEED WORLD LEADERS AND

3:49:28

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO STEP UP. THE EUROPEAN UNION IS TAKING A

3:49:33

STRONG STAND. WE WORK TO ENSURE FAIR DIGITAL MARKETS AND MORE TRANSPARENCY IN

3:49:39

CONTENT MODERATION. THANK YOU TO THE UNITED STATES

3:49:44

AND PRESIDENT BIDEN FOR TAKING THE LEAD ON THIS AGENDA.

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BY HOSTING THIS SUMMIT, THE U.S. IS SENDING A VERY CLEAR SENATE

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-- SIGNAL SETTING THE DIRECTION AND THE DENMARK LOOKS FORWARD TO

3:50:02

W WORKING WITH THE UNITED STATES IN THE YEAR AHEAD. WE HAVE SPENT MOST OF THE 20th CENTURY FIGHTING FOR DEMOCRATIC

3:50:07

IDEALS. LET'S MAKE SURE THAT THOSE IDEALS ARE NOT COMPROMISED IN THE NEXT CENTURY.

3:50:13

WE NEED TO PARTNER UP ACROSS SECTORS AND ACROSS BORDERS.

3:50:19

DENMARK IS READY TO LISTEN, TO LEARN AND TO LEAD. THANK YOU.

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>> THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM PRIME MINISTER. I'VE BEEN VERY STRUCK TO SEE

3:50:32

DENMARK BECOMING, AND NOW YEARS SINCE IT HAPPENED, THE FIRST COUNTRY TO APPOINT AN AMBASSADOR TO SILICON VALLEY, RECOGNIZING

3:50:39

THAT SOME TECH COMPANIES HAVE, YOU KNOW, INCOME THAT EXCEEDS

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MOST COUNTRY'S GDPs. THAT THEY HAVE IMPACT AROUND THE WORLD THAT EXCEEDS THAT OF MOST

3:50:51

COUNTRIES TO ACTUALLY GO AND APPOINT AN AMBASSADOR THERE AND

3:50:57

DO DIPLOMACY WITH TECH COMPANIES AS IF THEY WERE NATION STATES OF THEMSELVES WAS CUTTING EDGE,

3:51:03

TYPICALLY DANISH, MODERN AND INNOVATIVE THING TO DO. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. NOW WE TURN TO WHERE SO MUCH OF

3:51:09

THIS CONVERSATION NEEDS TO HAPPEN. THE PRIVATE SECTOR'S IT IS MY PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE MICROSOFT'S PRESIDENT AND VICE

3:51:15

CHAIR BRAD SMITH. BRAD PLAYS A KEY ROLE IN SPEARHEADING MICROSOFT'S WORK ON

3:51:21

CRITICAL ISSUES INVOLVING THE INTERSECTION OF TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIETY, INCLUDING

3:51:27

CYBERSECURITY, PRIVACY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, HUMAN RIGHTS, IMMIGRATION AND

3:51:35

PHILANTHROPY. HIS EXPERTISE CALLED UPON BY NUMEROUS GOVERNMENTS TO INFORM KEY TECHNOLOGY POLICY ISSUES.

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BRAD, WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR ATTENDING TODAY. YOU BRING DEEP FIRSTHAND

3:51:46

EXPERTISE TO THIS TOPIC AND WE WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW TECHNOLOGY CAN BE LEVERAGED TO

3:51:52

STRENGTHEN RATHER THAN WEAKEN DEMOCRACY. >> WELL, THANK YOU, AND IT'S

3:51:57

SUCH AN HONOR TO FOLLOW PRIME MINISTER FREDERIKEN AND, THANK YOU, JUST FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE PART OF THIS CONVERSATION

3:52:04

TODAY. I THINK IT IS SUCH A CRITICAL CONVERSATION THAT THE WORLD

3:52:09

NEEDS TO HAVE. I THINK IT'S WORTH STARTING WITH A REFLECTION ON THE FACT THAT IN SO MANY WAYS, TECHNOLOGY AND

3:52:17

DEMOCRACY HAVE ALWAYS BEEN INTERTWINED AND THEY'RE MORE INTERTWINED TODAY THAN PERHAPS

3:52:22

EVER BEFORE. THE PROBABLY NOT A COINCIDENCE OR ACCIDENT THAT A SMALL ISLAND

3:52:27

THAT GAVE BIRTH TO THE MEGNA CARTA IN ONE ERA GAVE BIRTH TO

3:52:34

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION IN ANOTHER. IT'S SO INTERESTING THAT THAT INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION WAS BORN AT A UNIVERSITY.

3:52:39

THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW WHERE JAMES WATT SET UP HIS SHOT TO PERFECT THE FIRST STEAM ENGINE

3:52:46

IN 1757. THE REALITY IS THAT IN SO MANY WAYS, EVERYTHING ABOUT

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TECHNOLOGY REALLY DEPENDS AND RESTS ON THE FREEDOM TO THINK. THE FREEDOM TO LEARN. THE FREEDOM TO READ.

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THE FREEDOM TO WRITE. THE FREEDOM TO SHARE. THE FREEDOM TO TRY, AND THE FREEDOM TO FAIL, AND THEN START

3:53:04

OVER AGAIN. I THINK EVERY DAY, EVERY ONE OF US WHO WORKS IN THE TECH SECTOR

3:53:10

SHOULD COME TO WORK AND JUST PAUSE FOR A MOMENT TO REMEMBER

3:53:15

THAT WE STAND AND WORK ON A FOUNDATION BUILT ON ALL OF THESE FREEDOMS.

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AND INTERESTINGLY, I THINK THAT OVER THE YEARS AND CENTURIES TECHNOLOGY HAS BECOME A GREAT ENABLER OF DEMOCRACY.

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THE ANCIENT GREEKS THOUGHT THAT THE DISTANCE THAT A HUMAN COULD TRAVEL NEEDED TO DEFINE THE

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WIDTH OF A DEMOCRACY. THAT'S WHY THEY THOUGHT IT NEEDED TO BE DEFINED TO A CITY

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STATE. INTERESTINGLY IN MANY WAYS THEY WERE RIGHT, BECAUSE WE COULD NOT HAVE THE MODERN, LARGE

3:53:47

DEMOCRACIES WE HAVE TODAY OR EVEN IN SMALLER NATIONS WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL HALFWAY

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AROUND THE WORLD IN A DAY OR THE ABILITY TO SHARE IDEAS WITH EVERYONE ON THE PLANET LITERALLY

3:53:58

IN AN INSTANT. AND IN SO MANY WAYS I THINK TECHNOLOGY CAN AND HAS HELPED US

3:54:04

BUILD A MORE INCLUSIVE SET OF DEMOCRACIES. EVEN TODAY WE CAN USE IT IN NEW

3:54:12

WAYS TO BRING BRADBAND TO MORE PEOPLE, REACH MORE PEOPLE WITH SKILLS AND BUILD A MORE IP

3:54:21

INCLUSIVE SOCIETY. AND THE BILLION PEOPLE ON THIS PLANET, HAVE SUCH TALENT BUT ALSO A DISABILITY.

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IN SOME WAYS IT SHOULD BE AND ON SOME DAYS EVEN IS A GREAT TIME

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FOR TECHNOLOGY AND DEMOCRACY. BUT ALL IS NOT GOOD, AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT BOTH OF YOU ARE

3:54:39

POINTING OUT. TECHNOLOGY TODAY IS NOT ONLY AN ENABLER OF DEMOCRACY IT IS A

3:54:44

CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY, AND IN SOME WAYS ALWAYS HAS. THE "NEW YORK TIMES" ASKED

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WHETHER TECHNOLOGY HAD MADE NEWS AND COMMUNICATION TOO FAST FOR THE TRUTH.

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IT ASKED THAT QUESTION IN THE LATE 1850s WHEN THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THE TELEGRAPH.

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AND THE REALITY IS, IN MANY WAYS THEY WERE RIGHT THERE. COMMUNICATIONS MADE IT HARD FOR

3:55:08

PEOPLE TO SHARE INFORMATION RELIABLY AND IN SOME RESPECTS IT CONTRIBUTED TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S

3:55:14

DIFFICULTY IN HOLDING A UNION TOGETHER. AND TODAY WE'RE SEEING TECHNOLOGY WEAPONIZED IN SO MANY

3:55:20

WAYS THAT PEOPLE COULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED EVEN WHEN THIS CENTURY BEGAN.

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I DO THINK THAT IN RECENT YEARS WE'VE DISCOVERED NEW WAYS TO ADDRESS THESE PROBLEMS, AND IT ALL RELIES ON BRINGING EVERYONE

3:55:35

TOGETHER. COLLABORATION. THE GREAT RECIPE FOR THE STRENGTH OF DEMOCRACY IN PART IS MULTI-STAKEHOLDER DEMOCRACY.

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CIVIL SOCIETY. ELECTED GOVERNMENTS AND LEADERS AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND WE'VE SEEN THIS IN THE PARIS CALL.

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IN THE CHRIST CHURCH CALL. WE'VE SEEN IT IN WORK WE'RE DOING TO ADVANCE RESPONSIBLE AI.

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WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE THE SAME APPROACH TO HELP DECARBONIZE THE ECONOMY OF THE

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PLANET. AND TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF ONE OF THE BIGGEST THREATS TO EVERY

3:56:04

SOCIETY, SINCE THE DAWN OF CIVILIZATION, CORRUPTION. AS TECHNOLOGY AND TRANSPARENCY

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IN MACHINE LEARNING CAN SHINE A SPOTLIGHT ON THAT. I THINK THERE IS TWO OTHER

3:56:15

THINGS WE NEED TO KEEP IN MIND. AND ONE EVENT I THINK YOU'VE SCARILY REFERRED TO ALREADY.

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WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK AND CONFRONT THE HARD QUESTIONS THAT FACE US, AND I THINK A LOT OF IT

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DOES RELATE TO NOT JUST MISINFORMATION BUT INTENTIONAL DISINFORMATION, BOTH DOMESTIC

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AND FOREIGN, BY NATION STATES. IN SO MANY WAYS, THINK ABOUT THE LAST TWO YEARS THROUGH WHICH

3:56:39

WE'VE LIVED. THE PANDEMIC THAT FEW OF US REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT BEFORE

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2020. THINK ABOUT THE GREAT MIRACLE OF 2020. IT WAS JUST 53 WEEKS AGO THAT

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THE FIRST GOVERNMENT AGENCY IN THE WORLD APPROVED A VACCINE.

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THAT WAS SUCH A TRY-UP FOR TECHNOLOGY. THINK OF WHAT I REGARD IN SOME

3:57:02

WAYS AS THE TRAGEDY OF 2021. IN SOME WAYS ONE OF THE MOST

3:57:07

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS OF OUR TIME IS THIS -- WAS IT EASIER TO INVENT THE

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VACCINE THAN TO PERSUADE PEOPLE THAT IT WAS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE TO USE? AND THAT RELATES TO A QUESTION

3:57:19

NOT JUST FOR THE HEALTH OF OUR PUBLIC BUT FOR THE VITALITY OF OUR DEMOCRACIES.

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THE REALITY IS, OVER 3 MILLENNIA AND GENERATION AFTER GENERATION

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OF HUMAN EXPERIMENTATION, THERE ARE FUNDAMENTALLY ONLY TWO WAYS TO HOLD A SOCIETY TOGETHER.

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IT'S EITHER TO SUSTAIN TRUST OR TO RELY ON FORCE.

3:57:43

AND WE IN THE DEMOCRACIES OF THE WORLD CRITICALLY DEPEND ON

3:57:48

SUSTAINING TRUST. BUT YOU CAN'T SUSTAIN TRUST IF YOU CAN'T SUSTAIN TRUTH.

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AND IN THE TECH SECTOR, THIS IS ONE OF THE GREAT CHALLENGES WE NEED TO LOOK AT. WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT OUR

3:58:00

BUSINESS MODELS AND ARCHITECTURES AND ALGORITHMS CAN BE MISUSED.

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SOMETIMES BY OURSELVES. SOMETIMES DIE ADVERSARIES TO UNDERMINE TRUST IN ALL OF OUR

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INSTITUTIONS, AND WE NEED TO DO MORE TO EXERCISE THE

3:58:19

SELF-RESTRAINT INDISPENSABLE TO PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND ALSO HE'S IN TO

3:58:24

RECOGNIZE ULTIMATELY NO COMPANY, NO INDUSTRY, NO TECHNOLOGY, NO PERSON IS OR SHOULD BE ABOVE THE LAW.

3:58:29

WE ARE NOT NATION STATES ELECTING GOVERNMENTS OF THE WORLD ARE AND WE DO NEED A NEW GENERATION OF LAWS AND

3:58:37

REGULATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION. IF WE'RE GOING TO STAIN THE TRUST THAT IS INDISPENSABLE TO

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DEMOCRACY. FINALLY, I WOULD SAY THIS IN CONCLUSION -- AS WE THINK ABOUT THE INEXORABLE

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AND MOSTLY POSITIVE ADVANCES OF TECHNOLOGY, I OFTEN GO BACK TO A

3:58:56

PHRASE THAT JOHN F. KENNEDY USED IN 1961. HE WENT TO RICE UNIVERSITY AND HE SPOKE ABOUT ONE OF THE GREAT

3:59:02

TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGES OF THE 1960s. SENDING A HUMAN TO THE MOON.

3:59:08

BUT WHEN HE SPOKE TO THE ATTENDEES AT RICE UNIVERSITY HE SAID SOMETHING ELSE AS WELL.

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HE SAID, TECHNOLOGY HAS NO CONSCIENCE.

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AND HE WAS RIGHT. TECHNOLOGY HAS NO CONSCIENCE, BUT PEOPLE DO, AND FOR ALL OF US

3:59:25

TODAY CONNECTED IN THIS MEETING, WE DO. I THINK WE NEED TO ACT WITH

3:59:31

CONVICTION TO EXERCISE OUR CONSCIENCE TO USE TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT DEMOCRACY AND WE CAN DO

3:59:37

SO RECOGNIZING THAT THIS SUMMIT HAS CREATED A NEW FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE, A NEW TOOL FOR

3:59:44

TECHNOLOGY AND ITS USE AND PROTECTION TO SERVE DEMOCRACY. I LOOK FORWARD TO ALL OF THE

3:59:50

WORK THAT I THINK CAN COME OUT OF THIS. THANK YOU.

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>>> THANK YOU FOR KICK-STARTING THIS CONVERSATION. THAT IS A PROFOUND JFK QUOTE. I FEEL LIKE IT IS THE -- SHAPPO

4:00:10

UNDER WHICH OF REST OF THIS DIALOGUE CAN OCCUR. TECHNOLOGY HAS NO CONSCIENCE. YOU HAVE SHARED I THINK HOW THE

4:00:16

GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR CAN WORK TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS. THE DEVIL, OF COURSE, IS IN THE

4:00:23

DETAILS. I LOOK FORWARD TO SHARING MY OWN THOUGHTS ON THIS TOPIC ALONG WITH SEVERAL INITIATIVES THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS

4:00:29

UNDERTAKING TO DIGITALLY STRENGTHEN DEMOCRACIES IN OUR NEXT CONVERSATION. BUT BEFORE THEN, AGAIN, JUST

4:00:34

THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE OFFERED SO FAR. YOU'VE KICKED THIS OFF BEAUTIFULLY. THANK YOU.

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-- DEMOCRATIC VALUES. THE DIFFERENT ROLES TECHNOLOGY HAS BEEN PLAYING IN HINDERING

4:01:25

AND HELPING DEMOCRACY IN RECENT YEARS HAS ALREADY BEEN -- WE'RE

4:01:54

GOING TO TRY TO GO DEEPER AND FURTHER INTO THIS TOPIC. LOOK AT DIGITAL THREATS IN MORE

4:02:00

DETAIL AND TALK ABOUT CONCRETE SOLUTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS, PRIVATE SECTOR, CIVIC ACTORS AND

4:02:06

OTHERS CAN TRY TO PUT FORWARD TO TRY TO HELP TECHNOLOGY REINFORCE DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND PROCESSES.

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NOW, INEVITABLY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE PRETTY FAST THROUGH LARGE TOPICS BUT I THINK YOU'RE

4:02:20

GOING TO APPRECIATE HOW OUR PANELISTS FRAME SOME OF THESE ISSUES TO PROVIDE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THEM AND

4:02:26

DIVERSITY OF PERSPECTIVES THEY BRING TO THE TASK. DIVERSITY IN TERMS OF REGIONS WHERE THEY WORK. KINDS OF INSTITUTIONS AT WHICH

4:02:33

THEY WORK AND THE SORT OF ISSUES THAT THEY SPECIALIZE IN. BUT BEFORE WE GET TO THE PANEL,

4:02:38

I'M REALLY DELIGHTED WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OPENING REMARKS FROM SAMANTHA POWER.

4:02:44

SAMANTHA IS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. SHE'S A GLOBAL THINKER AND DOER

4:02:52

WITH TREMENDOUS EXPERTISE AND ACCOMPLISHMENT ACROSS A WIDE RANGE OF ISSUES HUMANITARIAN

4:02:58

AFFAIRS, DEVELOPMENT, DEMOCRACY AND RIGHTS. OF COURSE, SHE SERVED AS AMERICA'S AMBASSADOR TO THE

4:03:03

UNITED NATIONS DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. THE COUNTRY IS VERY FORTUNATE

4:03:09

SHE RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT SERVICE THIS YEAR TO TAKE UP THE REINS AT USAID AND IN THAT

4:03:15

CAPACITY SHE HAS BEEN DRIVING SERIES OF NEW INITIATIVES TO BOLSTER AND REVITALIZE U.S.

4:03:22

ENGAGEMENT WITH AND ASSISTANCE TO DEMOCRACY RIGHTS, ANTI-CORRUPTION AND A WHOLE SERIES OF OTHER IMPORTANT

4:03:28

ISSUES. SAMANTHA, IT'S A GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE YOU HERE TODAY AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR OPENING

4:03:35

REMARKS. >> THANK YOU, TOMORROW AND SO MUCH FOR YOUR DECADES OF

4:03:40

LEADERSHIP AS A THOUGHT DRIVER ON DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND CANARY IN THE COAL MINE ON

4:03:47

MANY THREATS COMING. UNFORTUNATELY TOO MANY OF US

4:03:53

DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO DO EARLY, BUT NOW A CHANCE TO REMEDY. I THINK THE SUMMIT BROUGHT TO

4:03:58

THE FORE A NUMBER OF THOSE CHALLENGES FACING DEMOCRACY AND I'M EXCITED SEEING THE FACES OF OUR COLLEAGUES WHO WILL BE

4:04:04

JOINING US ON THIS FIRST PANEL WHERE WE WILL ADDRESS ONE OF THE MOST PERVASIVE. THAT'S THE MISUSE OF DIGITAL

4:04:11

TECHNOLOGY TO REPRESS POPULATIONS AND EXPAND GOVERNMENT POWER.

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TEN YEARS AGO IF WE FLASH BACK

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WERE TO GATHER TOGETHER ON THIS TOPIC, IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION. SOCIAL MEDIA HELPED BRING DOWN

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DICTATORS IN THE ARAB SPRING AND THE INTERNET AT THAT TIME WAS STILL SEEN AS FOSTERING OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY.

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IT SEEMED THAT ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND THE ABILITY FOR PEOPLE TO CONNECT IN THEIR OWN

4:04:42

SOCIETIES ACROSS BORDERS WOULD SHAKE AT HUNDREDS OF AUTHORITARIAN REGIMES TO THEIR CORE AND

4:04:48

ACCELERATE PROGRESS TOWARDS DEMOCRACY. TODAY IT SEEMS THE OPPOSITE HAS HAPPENED. THE RISE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

4:04:54

OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES PARALLELS THE DEMOCRATIC RECESSION THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING

4:04:59

AT THIS SUMMIT, AND, IN FACT, ARGUABLY HAS HELPED FUEL IT.

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WHILE IT'S TRUE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY HAS ENABLED IMMENSE SCIENTIFIC AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS THAT WE BENEFIT FROM EVERY DAY,

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INCLUDING AT THE SUMMIT, IT IS ALSO GIVEN GOVERNMENTS THE ABILITY TO SURVEIL, TO CENSOR,

4:05:17

AND TO REPRESS THEIR PEOPLE AS NEVER BEFORE.

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AUTHORITARIANS LEARNED THAT BIG DATA, SOCIAL MEDIA, CONTROLLED INTERNET AND ARTIFICIAL

4:05:29

INTELLIGENCE COULD MAKE THEM EVEN MORE POWERFUL. TECH COMPANIES TOO OFTEN FAVORED

4:05:35

PROFIT OVER PRINCIPLE. AND MANY DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING OUR OWN HERE IN THE UNITED STATES WERE TOO SLOW TO

4:05:43

REALIZE OR ACT UPON THE SEVERITY OF THE PROBLEM. TOO MANY STOOD BY AS DIGITAL

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REPRESSION SPREAD AROUND THE GLOBE. OF THE 3.8 BILLION PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WHO HAVE ACCESS TO THE

4:05:57

INTERNET, THE VAST MAJORITY, SOME THREE QUARTERS, LIVE IN COUNTRIES WHERE GOVERNMENTS
LAST

4:06:03

YEAR ARRESTED AND JAILED PEOPLE FOR EXPRESSING NON-VIOLENT POLITICAL OR SOCIAL VIEWS

4:06:08

ONLINE. HERE WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT A

4:06:15

BYSTANDER TO THESE DEVELOPMENTS, BUT SOMETHING OF A TRENDSETTER.

4:06:21

AMERICA MADE GREAT ADVANCES IN DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY OF WHICH WE'RE REALLY PROUD, WE
HAVEN'T WORKED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES TO

4:06:26

SET GLOBAL NORMS AROUND DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN A WAY THAT WOULD
SHAPE

4:06:32

DIGITAL INNOVATION. AS A RESULT, AS WE'VE HEARD, THE ABUSE OF TECHNOLOGY AND PERSONAL

4:06:40

DATA TO SPREAD DISINFORMATION, TO SURVEIL CITIZENS AND VIOLATE THEIR RIGHTS AND TO PIT
CITIZENS

4:06:46

AGAINST ONE ANOTHER ARE PROBLEMS THAT CAN START AT OUR

4:06:55

OUR SHORES AND SPREAD ABROAD RATHER THAN THE REVERSE. AUTHORITARIANS ONLY OWN THE

4:07:01

FUTURE IF WE LET THEM. JUST AS VAST MAJORITIES AROUND THE WORLD PREFER DEMOCRACY TO

4:07:07

REPRESSION OR FREE SPEECH TO CENSORSHIP, THE VAST MAJORITY

4:07:12

WANT TO SEE TECHNOLOGY USED TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTH, RAISE OUR STANDARDS OF LIVING AND
MAKE OUR

4:07:18

VOICES HEARD. OUR TASK IS TO WORK TOGETHER TO INFUSE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES,

4:07:25

TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, PRIVACY AND EQUITY ACROSS ALL DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES.

4:07:32

THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY GIVES US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A GLOBAL CONSENSUS ON AN

4:07:38

AFFIRMATIVE GLOBAL VISION OF DIGITAL DEMOCRACY. I WOULD LIKE NOW TO ANNOUNCE

4:07:44

SEVERAL NEW INITIATIVES THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO UNDERTAKE OVER THE COMING YEAR

4:07:50

AS PART OF THE PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL PRESIDENT BIDEN

4:07:55

ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY. FIRST, HERE AT USA WE WILL DRAMATICALLY EXPAND OUR DIGITAL

4:08:01

DEMOCRACY WORK INVESTING UP TO

4:08:06

\$20 MILLION ANNUALLY. WE'LL USE THESE FUNDS TO HELP PARTNER NATIONS ALIGN THEIR

4:08:11

RULES GOVERNING USE OF TECHNOLOGY WITH DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

4:08:16

WE'LL ALSO ENCOURAGE CIVIL SOCIETY TO PUSH FOR SIMILAR REFORMS AND WORK WITH LOCAL COMPANIES AND DEVELOPERS TO

4:08:22

ADVANCE THESE VALUES IN THE DIGITAL TOOLS THEY CREATE. AND WITH OUR DEMOCRATIC ALLIES,

4:08:30

WE WILL BUILD A GLOBAL CHARTER FOR DIGITAL PUBLIC GOODS IN WHICH GOVERNMENTS CIVIL SOCIETY,

4:08:36

SOFTWARE ENGINEERS AND TECH COMPANIES DECLARE PRINCIPLES FOR OPEN SOURCED TECH PRODUCTS THAT

4:08:43

RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS. SECOND, THE UNITED STATES WILL TAKE GREATER RESPONSIBILITY FOR

4:08:48

THE DIGITAL TOOLS WE EXPORT. ALL TOO OFTEN A TECHNOLOGY

4:08:55

ORIGINATES IN A HUB OF INNOVATION LIKE THE UNITED

4:09:01

STATES AND IS EXPORTED TO

4:09:07

COUNTRIES WHO USE THAT TO EXPLOIT HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES.

4:09:15

WE NEED TO COORDINATE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES SO WE'RE NOT UNDERMINING EACH OTHER'S EFFORTS. THAT'S WHY WE'RE LAUNCHING A NEW

4:09:23

EXPORT CONTROLS AND HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE. TOGETHER WITH DENMARK, NORWAY AND AUSTRALIA THE UNITED STATES

4:09:28

WILL WORK TOGETHER ON EXPORT CONTROL POLICIES TO PREVENT TECHNOLOGIES FROM FALLING INTO HANDS THAT WOULD MISUSE THEM.

4:09:35

OVER THE COMING YEAR WE WILL CONSULT WIDELY WITH INDUSTRY AND ACADEMIA AND ESTABLISH A

4:09:42

VOLUNTARY WRITTEN CODE OF CONDUCT TO CONTAIN TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN ENABLE HUMAN RIGHTS

4:09:49

ABUSES. THIS INITIATIVE WILL AMPLIFY WORK WE'RE ALREADY DOING IN OTHER MULTILATERAL FORUM SUCH AS

4:09:55

THE TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPEAN UNION ESTABLISHED

4:10:00

EARLIER THIS YEAR TO COORDINATE POLICY ON TECH ISSUES INCLUDING ON EXPORT CONTROLS.

4:10:06

THIRD, WE ARE LAUNCHING A SURVEILLANCE PRINCIPLES INITIATIVE WITH CANADA AND DEN MARK TO LAY OUT HOW GOVERNMENTS

4:10:16

SHOULD USE SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND

4:10:23

THE RULE OF LAW. WE WILL SEEK TO LAY OUT GUIDELINES FOR AMONG OTHER THINGS THE OVERSIGHT OF NEW AND

4:10:28

EMERGING SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGIES, HOW TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT USER DATA, THE NEED FOR

4:10:34

GOVERNMENTS TO CONSULT WITH CIVIL SOCIETY AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN ESTABLISHING THESE PRINCIPLES, AND FIGHTING

4:10:40

DISCRIMINATION IN THE USE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGIES, WHICH WE KNOW IS A BIG ISSUE. THE UNITED STATES IS ALREADY

4:10:47

TAKING ACTION AGAINST COMPANIES DEVELOPING AND SUPPLYING THE MOST IRRESPONSIBLE SURVEILLANCE

4:10:53

TOOLS. LAST MONTH WE BANNED FOUR FLAGRANT OFFENDERS FROM DOING BUSINESS WITH U.S. COMPANIES.

4:10:58

THESE INCLUDED ISRAEL'S NSO

4:11:05

GROUP AND CANDERU WHICH SOLD TO

4:11:19

OPPRESSIVE SPY REGIMES. FOURTH, WE ARE LAUNCHING A

4:11:24

SERIES OF INTERNATIONAL GRAND CHALLENGES ON DEMOCRACY AFFIRMING TECHNOLOGIES PROVIDING

4:11:31

UP TO \$3.75 MILLION TO INCENTIVIZE INNOVATION AND HELP

4:11:36

BUILD OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES INTO THE NEXT GENERATION.

4:11:44

FIFTH, TO HELP CLOSE SOCIETY'S ACCESS AND OPEN INTERNET, THE

4:11:51

U.S. WILL ESTABLISH A MULTILATERAL SURGE AND SUSTAIN FUND FOR ANTI-CENSORSHIP

4:11:57

TECHNOLOGY. THIS SHOULD ENABLE THE CONNECTION OF MORE USERS TO THE

4:12:06

UNCENSORED INTERNET. FINALLY, AS PART OF THE INITIATIVE FOR DEMOCRATIC

4:12:11

RENEWAL, WE'LL WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS TO STRENGTHEN THE MULTISTAKEHOLDER SYSTEM OF

4:12:16

INTERNET GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FREEDOM ONLINE COALITION.

4:12:22

THROUGH BODIES LIKE THIS WE CAN

4:12:29

ADVANCE A GLOBAL VISION OF AN INTERNET INTEROPERABLE, RELIABLE

4:12:38

AND SECURE. HONESTLY, WE CAN'T TACKLE IT SOON ENOUGH. IN THE TECH WORLD MOVE FAST AND BREAK THINGS HAS BEEN THE

4:12:43

PREVAILING MANTRA. A LOT HAS BEEN BROKEN, AND NOW IT IS INCUMBENT ON ALL OF US TO MOVE FAST, TOO.

4:12:50

FASTER THAN WE EVER HAVE BEFORE TO REPAIR OUR DEMOCRACIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM

4:12:56

OUR PANELISTS ON WHAT GOVERNMENTS, THE SECTOR, CIVIL

4:13:02

SOCIETY AND MULTILATERAL GOVERNMENTS CAN DO WORKING TOGETHER TO RESPECT AND PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE DIGITAL AGE.

4:13:08

THANK YOU SO MUCH, AND BACK TO YOU, TOM. >> SAMANTHA, THANK YOU FOR THOSE REMARKS, AND IT'S WONDERFUL TO

4:13:14

HEAR ABOUT THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE. AND I THINK EVERYBODY IN THIS COMMUNITY LOOKS FORWARD TO

4:13:20

WORKING WITH USAID, OTHER ELEMENTS -- THE PARTS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND THE MANY

4:13:26

PARTNERS YOU MENTIONED TO REALIZE THESE VERY WORTHWHILE AMBIGS. LET ME INTRODUCE NOW OUR

4:13:33

PANELISTS. WE HAVE A TERRIFIC GROUP. I'M GOING TO INTRODUCE EACH IN THE ORDER THEY'RE GOING TO

4:13:38

SPEAK. FIRST WE HAVE WITH US I'M DELIGHTED THE PRESIDENT OF LATVIA. HE WAS ELECTED TO THE PRESIDENCY

4:13:46

IN 2019, AND HE CAME TO THAT OFFICE AFTER 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A JUDGE ON THE EUROPEAN COURT

4:13:52

OF JUSTICE. AND PRIOR TO THAT A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT POSITIONS IN LAW AND

4:13:58

DIPLOMACY WITH GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS, MULTILATERAL AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS AS WELL. HE BRINGS TO THE PANEL THE

4:14:04

EXPERIENCE OF A COUNTRY ON THE FRONT LINES OF MANY DIGITAL THREATS TO DEMOCRACY BUT ALSO A

4:14:09

COUNTRY THAT'S BEEN PUTTING FORWARD INTERESTING INNOVATIONS, TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS TO

4:14:14

HELP DEMOCRACY WORK MORE EFFECTIVELY. AFTER THAT, WE'LL HEAR FROM

4:14:24

AUDRE TANG, A MINISTER OF

4:14:37

GOVERNMENT IN TAIWAN. TONG HAS BROUGHT TO THIS POSITION A NOTABLE OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE SECTOR. ONCE THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

4:14:45

HIT THE MINISTER WAS PART OF THE EFFORT BY THE TAIWANESE GOVERNMENT TO SHARE HIS

4:14:50

EXPERIENCE IN BRINGING TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS TO HELP MEET THE PUBLIC HEALTH CHALLENGE, AND I HOPE WE'LL HEAR ABOUT THAT

4:14:57

TODAY. AFTER THAT, AMBASSADOR EILEEN

4:15:16

DO FOLLOWING THAT DIRECTOR FOR GLOBAL AFFAIRS AT HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH WHERE SHE REPRESENTED THE

4:15:21

ORGANIZATION AND MANY INTERNATIONAL FORUMS ON ISSUES RELATING TO DIGITAL RIGHTS, TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION, CYBER

4:15:27

SECURITY AND OTHER RELEVANT

4:15:42

ISSUES. SHE'S A RESEARCHER, A POLICY ANALYST AND A STRATEGIST WORKING ON THE TECHNOLOGICAL DIMENSIONS

4:15:55

OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP, MEDIA, CULTURE AND MANY OTHER ELEMENTS AS WELL. AND SHE BRINGS TO THAT ROLE A

4:16:01

SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE GENDER DIMENSIONS AND THE AFRICA

4:16:07

DIMENSIONS OF THOSE ISSUES. AFTER THAT WE'LL HEAR FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE OBSERVER RESEARCHER FOUNDATION IN INDIA,

4:16:13

ONE OF ASIA'S LEADING THINK TANKS. INVOLVED IN MANY DIFFERENT AREAS

4:16:20

OF INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS OVER THE YEARS. TO MENTION JUST A FEW OF HIS CURRENT ENGAGEMENTS HE CURATES

4:16:30

THE DIALOGUE, INDIA'S MAIN PLATFORM I WOULD SAY FOCUS ON

4:16:36

GEOPOLITICS AND GEOECONOMICS. HE CHAIRS THE CONFERENCE ON CYBER SECURITY AND INTERNET

4:16:42

GOVERNANCE. LAST BUT CERTAINLY NOT LEAST MANUEL WHO'S THE PROVOST OF THE

4:16:47

UNIVERSITY IN SPAIN. PRIOR TO BECOMING PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY, HE SERVED AS A STATE

4:16:53

SECRETARY ON SPAIN'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. AND PRIOR TO THAT, HE WAS THE FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER

4:16:58

FOR GOVERNANCE CHANGE OF IE UNIVERSITY AND WAS ALSO

4:17:05

ASSOCIATED WITH THE WEATHER HEAD CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY. SO A TREMENDOUS LINE-UP OF

4:17:10

PEOPLE. WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS POSE ONE QUESTION TO EACH, GIVE THEM A BIT OF TIME TO SETUP AS I SAID

4:17:15

SOME FRAMING REMARKS BUT ALSO GET INTO THE DETAILS WE NEED TO

4:17:20

BRING THIS SUBJECT TO THE GROUND. SO LET ME TURN FIRST TO THE

4:17:27

PRESIDENT. AS I MENTIONED YOUR COUNTRY IS ON THE FRONT LINES DEALING WITH DIGITAL THREATS BUT ALSO PUT

4:17:32

FORWARD DEALING WITH DIGITAL INNOVATIONS TO HELP YOUR COUNTRY BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE. I'M HOPING YOU CAN GIVE US A BIT

4:17:39

OF AN OVERVIEW TO TELL US ABOUT SOME OF THE RESPONSES LATVIA HAS

4:17:53

MADE OVER THESE YEARS. >> THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO

4:18:01

PARTICIPATE ON THIS PANEL. ON DISINFORMATION INDEED ALREADY

4:18:07

TEN YEARS AGO LATVIA ARGUED FOR THE IMPORTANCE OF NEW COMMUNICATIONS.

4:18:14

AND IN 2014 WE ESTABLISHED NATO

4:18:19

CENTER, AND IT'S GLOBALLY ONE OF THE LEADING INSTITUTIONS IN RESEARCH ON DISINFORMATION.

4:18:33

INFORMATION SPACE IS WEAPONIZED AGAINST OUR OWN SOCIETIES, AND

4:18:38

IT IS MANIPULATION OF OUR HEARTS AND MINDS. I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE A FEW

4:19:00

DIRECTIONS. THE POWER OF DECISION MAKING WHERE ONE SETS THE BOUNDARIES OF SPEECH, RESPONSIBILITY FOR HATE

4:19:07

AND ACCOUNTABILITY HAS TO RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS THROUGH RULE OF LAW AND

4:19:13

REGULATIONS. I CAN MENTION THAT THE EUROPEAN UNION IS ALREADY ON THE

4:19:21

REGULATION OF GLOBAL INTERNET PLATFORMS, WHICH SHOULD GUARANTEE A CERTAIN

4:19:28

RESPONSIBILITY OF THOSE PLATFORMS. AT THE SAME TIME, GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF SPEECH. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.

4:19:39

SECOND, THEY HAVE TO INVEST IN JOURNALISM AND MEDIA LITERACY. THE GLOBAL FUNDING FOR INDEPENDENT MEDIA COULD BE A

4:19:46

GLOBAL INITIATIVE AS THE SUMMIT PURSUE AND PRACTICE. IF WE ARE COMING TO THE INNOVATIONS FOR OUR CITIZENS, I

4:19:52

WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THE ROLE OF PUBLIC SECTOR.

4:20:01

WHILE WE SPEAK ON ART OFFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, SELF-DRIVING CARS AND DREAM ABOUT TOURISM TO MARS,

4:20:06

THE PUBLIC SECTOR HAS TO GET THE VERY BASIC. THE PUBLIC SECTOR MUST FOLLOW

4:20:13

ITS CUSTOMER OR CITIZEN AND APPLY THE KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER PRINCIPLE IN DESIGNING ITS

4:20:22

SERVICES AND ALIGN ITS SECURITY AND PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS.

4:20:29

LATVIA HAS INVESTED IN THREE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND I'LL

4:20:35

MENTION SOME EXAMPLES HERE. FIRST SINCE 2008 WE HAVE INTRODUCED SECURE DIGITAL

4:20:40

IDENTITY, AND IT WILL BECOME MANDATORY IN A YEAR. WITH DIGITAL IDENTITY WE PROVIDE

4:20:45

SECURE SERVICES WHERE THE I.D. HOLDER IS THE OWNER OF HIS

4:20:51

DIGITAL DATA. SECOND, FAST AND UNLIMITED INTERNET BY CABLES AND MOBILE

4:20:57

OPERATORS FOR EVERYONE. IN ADDITION, LATVIA PRODUCED

4:21:03

NETWORK EQUIPMENT REUTERS THAT ARE DESIGNED AND PRODUCED IN LATVIA BUT DELIVERED GLOBALLY SO

4:21:09

WE CAN ENSURE SAFE AND RELIABLE NETWORK FOR OUR CRYPTO INFRASTRUCTURE AND FOR OUR

4:21:15

CITIZENS. AND THIRD, WE HAVE DIGITIZED AND CONNECTED OUR PUBLIC REGISTRIES TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ONE STOP

4:21:22

SHOP FOR MOST OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES HERE IN LATVIA.

4:21:31

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PANDEMICS IS SORT OF A DIGITAL EXAM FOR

4:21:36

NATIONS. AND LATVIA HAS PASSED THIS EXAM. THE LATVIAN GOVERNMENT AND

4:21:42

PUBLIC SECTOR WORKED FULLY REMOTE AND DURING THIS PANDEMIC AND ALSO WORKING NOW IN THIS

4:21:49

MOMENT. THE LAWMAKERS SETUP AND SIGNED LAWS FULLY DIGITALLY, SCHOOLS

4:21:55

WORKED REMOTELY AND DAILY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE

4:22:01

CITIZENS IN THE STATE WERE NOT INTERRUPTED. BUT WE LEARNED ALSO OUR GAPS,

4:22:07

AND THERE ARE TWO PRIORITIES OF OUR WORK NOW. FIRST, IT IS A DIGITAL SKILLS OF

4:22:17

OUR PEOPLE. LATVIA WILL LAUNCH PROGRAMS. PARTICULAR FOCUS IS PLACED ON

4:22:23

WOMEN TO ACCELERATE THEIR OPPORTUNITIES IN PROPER STUDIES AND JOB MARKET.

4:22:31

WE START WITH SCHOOLS WHERE WE MEAD THE COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE THE PORTABLE
COMPUTER FOR EVERY

4:22:36

CHILD AND TEACHER. AND I HOPE THE SEMICONDUCTOR

4:22:44

SHORTAGES WON'T HAMPER THIS EFFORT. IN SHORT, TO BUILD BACK DEMOCRACIES, WE NEED
MODERN,

4:22:51

DIGITAL AND TRUSTWORTHY PUBLIC SERVICES WITH -- THAT WILL

4:22:58

RESTORE TRUST IN OUR PUBLIC INSTITUTION. I THINK WE HAVE ALREADY IN AN

4:23:04

EARLY STAGE RECOGNIZED THE PROBLEMS WITH SOCIAL NETWORKS,

4:23:10

WITH DISINFORMATION. AND WE HAVE INTRODUCED A LOT OF

4:23:16

DIGITAL INNOVATIONS FOR OUR PEOPLE, FOR OUR CITIZENS. AND TO BE WORKING HARD TO

4:23:24

DEVELOP ALL THE INNOVATIONS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE DEMOCRACY AND

4:23:30

HUMAN RIGHTS. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THOSE REMARKS. I THINK A LOT OF WHAT YOU SAY CERTAINLY RESONATES HERE IN THE

4:23:37

U.S. EXPERIENCE WITH THE EMPHASIS ON PUBLIC SERVICE, FOR EXAMPLE, BUT MANY OTHER THINGS

4:23:46

AS WELL. YUV BEEN ACTIVE IN BRINGING THE EXPERIENCE OF TAIWAN DURING THE

4:23:51

CONTROVERSY PANDEMIC TO OTHER

4:24:01

COUNTRIES. WHAT ARE SOME OF THE MAIN MESSAGES HOW THE TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS CAN HELP BUILD TRUST AND

4:24:10

TRANSPARENCY RELATING TO THE CHALLENGES? >> THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION. THE MAIN MESSAGE IS TO WORK NOT JUST FOR THE PEOPLE BUT WITH THE

4:24:17

PEOPLE. EVERY YEAR THE HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATION WITH AROUND 20

4:24:23

REGIONAL PARTNERS CONDUCT RESEARCH ABOUT FREEDOM IN CIVIC SPACE, AND TAIWAN HAS BEEN RATED AS COMPLETELY OPEN FOR THREE

4:24:31

CONSECUTIVE YEARS AS THE ONLY ASIAN COUNTRY WITH THAT

4:24:37

DISTINCTION. HOW DID WE COME SO FAR? THE KEY FACTOR IS THAT THE INTERNET IN TAIWAN HAS DEVELOPED

4:24:47

ALONGSIDE DEMOCRATIZATION.

4:24:54

FOR TAIWANESE PEOPLE DEMOCRACY IS LIKE A SOCIAL TECHNOLOGY. IT CAN ONLY BE ENRICHED THROUGH

4:25:00

THE JOINT EFFORTS OF ALL. OUR GOVERNMENT INSISTS BROADBAND

4:25:05

IS A HUMAN RIGHT, REDUCING THE COSTS FOR CIVIL TECHNOLOGIES. OUR NARROW INFRASTRUCTURE ALLOWS

4:25:12

EVERYONE TO BROADCAST LIVE. WE BELIEVE A COMPLETELY OPEN

4:25:17

ENVIRONMENT WITH FREE SPEECH IS PERFECTED FOR LETTING DIGITAL

4:25:23

DEMOCRACY FLOURISH.

4:25:33

IN 2019 OUR PRO SOCIAL, SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM HERE ALLOWED TYING THE RESPONSE TO EARLY

4:25:38

WARNINGS. IN THE FACE OF GLOBAL CHALLENGES IT'S PROVEN TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION.

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THE CONTENT TRACING SYSTEM IS A GREAT EXAMPLE. CONTACT TRACING MUST BE DONE

4:25:50

RAPIDLY AND EFFECTIVELY, OF COURSE. INACCURATE INFORMATION WOULD PUT US IN A DILEMMA OF HAVING TO

4:25:57

CHOOSE TO PROTECTING PRIVACY OR PREVENTING THE PANDEMIC. ROLLING OUT A GOVERNMENT

4:26:02

MANAGEMENT APP WE CAN DO IT. SO INSTEAD OF CENTRALIZING CONTACT TRACING DATA OR YIELDING

4:26:08

CONTROL TO MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WE SOUGHT SECTOR

4:26:16

SOLUTIONS WITH THE PEOPLE.

4:26:22

WE WORKED ACROSS SECTORS IT TELECOM CARRIERS TO DEPLOY THIS

4:26:27

SYSTEM IN A WEEK. AS YOU CAN SEE SCANNING A QR CODE WITH A BUILT IN CAMERA, NO

4:26:35

APP DOWNLOAD REQUIRED, PEOPLE CAN KEEP TRACK.

4:26:40

THIS ALLOWED CONTACT TRACERS TO CONFIRM THE FOOTPRINTS OF INFECTED PEOPLE AND CONTACT THEM WITHOUT REVEALING ANY PRIVATE

4:26:49

INFOR

4:26:55

INFORMATION. CONTACT TRACING CAN STILL BE DONE THROUGH MEASURES SUCH AS HANDWRITING OR STAMPING.

4:27:00

WHEN CONTACT TRACERS APPLY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CERTAIN PHONE

4:27:06

NUMBERS THEY SEND REQUESTS TO A SIEVING PLATFORM TO BROWSE THEM. THE PHONE NUMBER HOLDER CAN

4:27:11

RIYADHT REQUESTS AND ACTIVITIES. ALL RECORDS ARE DELETED AFTER 28

4:27:17

DAYS. BECAUSE IT ORIGINATES FROM A COMMUNITY THAT ALWAYS VALUES PERM DATA WE CAN RESPOND TO NEW

4:27:24

CHALLENGES WITH TIMELY IMPROVEMENTS. FOR INSTANCE, TEXT MESSAGES

4:27:36

WERE -- SO THE JUDGE DENIED WARRANTS AND PUBLICLY QUESTIONED THE LEGALITY OF EVEN WIRETAPPING

4:27:44

TEXTS SENT TO 1822. FROM DISCUSSIONS OUR MINISTER OF

4:27:52

JUSTICE CONCLUDED THESE SHOULD NOT BE REPURPOSED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT, KEEPING THE

4:27:57

ORIGINAL CIVIC INTENT INTACT. RULE BY THE PEOPLE IS THE URGENT

4:28:04

INTENT OF DEMOCRACY. IN THE FACE OF THE PANDEMIC OUR TAIWAN MODEL SHARES THAT WORLD,

4:28:13

THAT THIS CAN SHAPE A DIGITAL

4:28:18

DEMOCRACY, TRUSTING OUR PEOPLE CAN SHARE GOALS, DEVELOP INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND
CONTRIBUTE TO THE WORLD.

4:28:24

THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. TRULY AN IMPRESSIVE DEMONSTRATION.

4:28:29

YOU'VE GIVEN JUST ONE ELEMENT WHAT I KNOW WOULD BE A WHOLE

4:28:36

SUITE OF EXPERIENCES AND TOOLS AND INNOVATIONS TAIWAN HAS PUT FORWARD. I KNOW IN THIS
COUNTRY WE CAN USE MANY OF THESE INNOVATIONS.

4:28:42

BUT I SALUTE YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES IN GOVERNMENT AND

4:28:48

SOCIETY FOR HAVING MOVED SO FAR. EILEEN, WE'VE HEARD TWO SPECIFIC

4:28:53

COUNTRY EXPERIENCES, BUT I'M WONDERING IF YOU COULD STEP BACK A BIT AND DRAW ON YOUR
WIDE

4:28:59

EXPERIENCES TO GIVE US A BIT OF A FRAMING HOW THEY CAN PUT TOGETHER A COMPREHENSIVE
APPROACH TO BOTH DIGITAL THREATS

4:29:04

AND INNOVATIONS RELATING TO DEMOCRACY AND RIGHTS. >> FIRST, LET ME THANK ADMINISTRATOR POWER AND SUMMIT

4:29:11

ORGANIZERS FOR THE PRIVILEGE AND THRILL OF BEING PART OF THIS SUMMIT.

4:29:16

TOM, TO YOUR VERY BIG QUESTION, MY SIMPLE ANSWER IS THAT MAKING TECH WORK FOR DEMOCRACY IS THE

4:29:24

WAY TO COUNTER DIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM. WE LIVE IN DIGITAL SOCIETIES.

4:29:29

TECHNOLOGY, DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE, CYBER POLICIES ARE THE MEANS THROUGH WHICH

4:29:35

VALUES ARE SPREAD. AUTHORITARIANS HAVE CAPITALIZED VERY EFFECTIVELY ON THOSE MEANS

4:29:41

TO EXPAND THEIR GLOBAL INFLUENCE. DEMOCRACIES ALSO NEED TO EMBRACE TECH AND TECH POLICY AS VEHICLES

4:29:48

FOR SPREADING OUR VALUES AND ADVANCING OUR VISION OF DIGITAL

4:29:53

SOCIETY. IN EFFECT, A GOOD OFFENSE IS OUR BEST DEFENSE. AS A FIRST STEP, THOUGH, WE NEED

4:29:59

TO UNDERSTAND WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST. DIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM IS AN

4:30:08

AUTHORITARIAN MODEL OF GOVERNANCE FOR DIGITAL SOCIETY. IT'S SPREADING AROUND THE WORLD, COMPETING WITH DEMOCRACY.

4:30:13

IT'S HAPPENING ON MULTIPLE LEVELS. AI ENABLED SURVEILLANCE AND

4:30:19

CENSORSHIP TOOLS ARE EXPLOITED AND NORMALIZED AROUND THE WORLD. DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS

4:30:25

EMBEDDED WITH OPPRESSIVE CAPACITIES ARE BUILT FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, GIVING THE

4:30:31

EXPORTERS NEW SOURCES OF DATA AND LEVERAGE OVER WEAKER STATES. THROUGH AGGRESSIVE DIPLOMACY IN

4:30:37

INTERNATIONAL NORMATIVE ARENAS AND TECH SETTING STANDARD BOD

4:30:43

BODIES, AUTHORITARIAN SHAPED CYBER NORMS AND INTEROPERABILITY CALLS FOR THE FUTURE, CORROSIVE

4:30:50

TECH REGULATIONS ARE REPLICATED AROUND THE WORLD. INTERNET GOVERNMENTS LIKE CYBER

4:30:58

SOBRENTY ARE PUSHED TO REINFORCE THE IDEA HUMAN RIGHTS DON'T APPLY WITHIN SOVEREIGN CYBER

4:31:06

QUARTERS. TO COUNTER THIS THREAT WE NEED A MORE COMPELLING AND COHERENT VISION AND STRATEGY.

4:31:11

HERE ARE THREE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DEMOCRACIES.

4:31:21

NUMBER ONE, INVEST IN DEMOCRATIC DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND HELP OUR ALLIES IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD BUILD CYBER CAPACITIES AND

4:31:28

DIGITAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEMS RATHER THAN CEDING THAT

4:31:37

OPPORTUNITY TO AUTHORITARIANS. NUMBER TWO, GETTING OUR TECH POLICY IN ORDER. TRUTH BE TOLD MOST DEMOCRACIES

4:31:43

HAVE NOT FIGURED OUT HOW TO ADHERE TO HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES IN THEIR OWN USE OF DATA AND TECH.

4:31:49

OUR VALUES SHOULD BE WHAT DIFFERENTIATES US FROM

4:31:55

AUTHORITARIANS. WE NEED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT IN OUR TECH POLICIES AND PRACTICES.

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AND LAST, NUMBER THREE, BAND TOGETHER AND BUILD A BIG TEPT

4:32:06

WITH COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY. DEMOCRACIES MUST LEAD IN THE

4:32:12

DEVELOPMENT OF GLOBAL CYBER NORMS. THE BOTTOM LINE, DIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM IS ON TRACK TO BECOME THE DOMINANT MODEL OF

4:32:19

GOVERNANCE IN 21st CENTURY DIGITAL SOCIETY. WE NEED TO BAND TOGETHER, CAPITALIZE ON OUR VALUES, OUR

4:32:26

ALLIANCES, OUR TECHNOLOGY TO PROVE THAT OPEN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES ARE STRONGER THAN

4:32:33

CLOSED AUTHORITARIAN ONES, EVEN IN THE DIGITAL CONTEXT. I WILL STOP THERE, AND THANK YOU SO MUCH.

4:32:39

>> THANK YOU, EILEEN. AND THANK YOU FOR THAT EMPHASIS TOWARDS THE END ON BANDING

4:32:45

TOGETHER. THAT'S WHAT THIS SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY IS ABOUT AND I THINK

4:32:51

YOUR MESSAGE RESONATES WELL. LET ME TURN NOW TO A FELLOW IN THE TECHNOLOGY AND INTERNATIONAL

4:32:58

AFFAIRS PROGRAM. THE CONCEPT OF INCLUSION COMES UP FREQUENTLY IN DISCUSSIONS OF

4:33:06

TECHNOLOGY. COULD YOU HELP US THINK A BIT MORE? LET'S GO INSIDE THAT BIG WORD AND TALK ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS FOR

4:33:12

SAY CIVIC ACTORS OR OTHER ACTORS TO PUSH FOR INFLUCLUSION IN

4:33:22

TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE OR CAPACITIES. IF YOU COULD SQUEEZE IN A BIT ON A NATIONAL LEVEL HOW THE GLOBAL SOUTH COULD BE BETTER INCLUDED

4:33:28

IN SORT OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNMENT STRUCTURES RELATING TO TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE. >> THANKS, TOM.

4:33:35

IT'S QUITE IMPORTANT TO START BY ACKNOWLEDGING THAT CIVIL SOCIETY HAS ALREADY BEEN PUSHING FOR THE

4:33:41

DESIGN, DEPLOYMENT AND USE OF

4:33:46

TECHNOLOGIES IN WAYS THAT ARE IN INCLUSIVE AND RESPONSIVE TO THE COMMUNITIES THEY INTEND TO SERVE. ALSO IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER CIVIL

4:33:53

SOCIETY IS A CRITICAL KNOWLEDGE BASE IF OFTEN A VERY UNDERVALUED ONE FROM RESEARCH TO

4:34:00

DOCUMENTATION, EARLY WARNING AND CAMPAIGNING, DEMOCRACY HAVE

4:34:06

WORKED TO FACILITATE TECH AND INNOVATION WITHIN THE COMPLEX

4:34:24

SOCIETIES. THERE'S A ROLE CIVIL SOCIETIES ARE ALREADY PLAYING BEYOND

4:34:30

DOCUMENTING HARMS.

4:34:42

SO FOR ME A BIG QUESTION IS WHETHER POLICY MAKERS IN PRIVATE SECTORS ARE ATTENTIVE TO THIS,

4:34:50

AND WHEN THEY CHOOSE TO LISTEN TO WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE CIVIL SOCIETY DOMAIN AND CHOOSE TO

4:34:58

REGULATE THEIR ROLE TO A PROACTIVE ONE. ON THE ISSUE OF INCLUSION AT THE HEART OF IT TO ME IS THE SUPPORT

4:35:04

WE NEED TO SEE CIVIL SOCIETY TO ACINFORMATION ITS IMPORTANCE.

4:35:10

POLITICAL AND EVEN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETIES --

4:35:22

SO THE LITTLE SUPPORT AVAILABLE ENDS UP ACCRUING TO THE CIVIL SOCIETY WITHOUT VERY LITTLE OF

4:35:28

THAT LEFTOVER ESPECIALLY IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH. SO HERE WE NEED REQUISITE,

4:35:34

FLEXIBLE AND SUSTAINED SUPPORT FOR CIVIL SOCIETY AT BOTH GLOBAL AND LOCAL LEVELS WITH SPECIAL

4:35:40

ATTENTION BEING PAID TO THE DIVORCE FORMS OF ORGANIZING.

4:35:46

BEYOND INTERNATIONAL NGO MODELS WE HAVE ORGANIZING THAT ARE

4:35:51

REFLECTIVE OF THE SHIFTS IN SOCIETIES FROM WHICH WE CAN ALL LEARN. WE NEED TO SEE MEANINGFUL MELT

4:35:59

STAKEHOLDERISM BEING INFUSED FOR INCLUSION TO THE NATIONAL LEVEL. HERE WE NEED TO SEE GOVERNMENTS

4:36:06

AND PRIVATE SECTOR PLAYERS IN PARTICULAR ENGAGING MORE AND INITIATED BY CIVIL SOCIETY

4:36:13

PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH. RATHER THAN REINVENTING THE WHEEL OF NEW INITIATIVES, THE NEW

4:36:18

SUPPORT FOR EXISTING ONES PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE RISEN FROM SPECIFIC APPROACHES

4:36:25

SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED AND SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES WHO WANT TO ADVANCE TECH AND DEMOCRACY.

4:36:31

SO TO CONCLUDE, CIVIL SOCIETY HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVIDING A LOT. IT'S TIME FOR THE REST TO STEP

4:36:38

UP AND SUPPORT THEM IN THAT CRITICAL ROLE. THANK YOU.

4:36:43

>> THANK YOU. THAT'S AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE

4:36:50

THERE. IF YOU COULD GRIND ON YOUR WIDE EXPERIENCE IN INDIA AND SOUTH

4:36:58

ASIA GENERALLY, COULD YOU TALK MORE HOW DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CAN WORK TO HARNESS TECHNOLOGY

4:37:04

ON A RACE TO THE TOP WITH DEMOCRATIC STANDARDS AND NORMS PARTICULARLY WITH A FREEDOM OF

4:37:10

EXPRESSION AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AS WELL. >> THANK YOU, TOM. AND THANK YOU TO THE AMBASSADOR

4:37:16

FOR INVITING ME TO SPEAK ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND LET ME CONGRATULATE THE U.S.

4:37:22

GOVERNMENT FOR ALREADY BEGINNING TO RESPOND TO THE CHALLENGE OF INTRUSIVE TECH, AND I GUESS THAT HAS TO BE ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT

4:37:29

GLOBAL CIVIL ACTORS AND ANY POLITICAL LEADERS MUST DEVOTED

4:37:37

TIME AND ENERGY ON. I THINK INCLUSIVE TECH WILL TAKE

4:37:50

AWAY -- THE AGE OF DIGITAL DEMOCRACY BEGAN THEN AND IT HAS

4:37:58

BECOME THE MAINSTAY OF CIVIC ACTIVISM SINCE. EVEN ELECTED GOVERNMENTS ARE

4:38:04

MORE RESPONSIVE TO THEM. NOW, INTRUSIVE TECH CAN UNDO THESE GAINS.

4:38:16

BUT THE PAST YEAR HAS ALSO MADE US AWARE OF WEAKNESSES. FIRST, THE VERY PLATFORMS THAT

4:38:22

HAVE FUELED THE CALLS FOR

4:38:28

ACCOUNTABILITY OFTEN SEE THEMSELVES BOUND NOT BY DEMOCRATIC NORMS BUT BY BOTTOM

4:38:36

LINE. THE CONTRADICTIONS BETWEEN SHORT-TERM RETURN ON INVESTMENT AND OF COURSE THE LONG-TERM IN

4:38:44

SOCIETY IS STARK.

4:38:51

OUR SOCIETIES ARE INDEED ON SHAKY GROUND.

4:38:57

WE MUST ALSO ASK THE DIGITAL

4:39:03

INFRASTRUCTURE. TO MAKE TECHNOLOGY SERVE

4:39:10

DEMOCRACY -- BIG TECH MUST BE HELD TO STANDARDS OF RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR.

4:39:15

THE FRAMEWORK MUST BE GEOGRAPHY

4:39:28

NEUTRAL. SECOND, AND THIS IS IMPORTANT MUCH OF BIG TECH IS DESIGNED AND ANCHORED IN THE U.S.

4:39:38

UNDERSTANDABLY IT PUSHES -- THIS IS IN CONFLICT OF LAWS IN MOST

4:39:44

DEMOCRACIES. WHEN PROTECTING FREE SPEECH SOCIETIES SEEK SAFE GUARDS TO PREVENT UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES

4:39:50

ESPECIALLY VIOLENCE. IF AMERICAN BIG TECH WISHES TO EMERGE AS GLOBAL TECH IT MUST

4:39:55

ADHERE TO DEMOCRATIC NORMS GLOBALLY. IT MUST RECONCILE NOT PRESCRIBE

4:40:03

AND MANDATE. A CLASH OF NORMS IS VISIBLE AND

4:40:08

ALREADY UPON US.

4:40:22

FINALLY -- IN THEIR VIRTUAL WORLD PENG SHUAI IS FREE AND

4:40:27

HAPPY. IN THE REAL WORLD SHE'S UNDER HOUSE ARREST.

4:40:33

OPEN SOCIETIES HAVE ALREADY DEFENDED THEIR BORDERS STARKLY, AND THEY MUST ALSO SAFEGUARD THE

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NEW DIGITAL LINES.

4:40:46

WE MUST NOT ALLOW -- AS I

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CONCLUDE LET ME LEAVE YOU WITH THE TOP.

4:40:59

NONE OF THE TECHNOLOGY --

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>> A LOT TO TALK ABOUT THERE. TERRIFIC PRESENTATION. I'D LIKE TO TURN TO MANUEL AND

4:41:12

LET'S CONTINUE ON THE THEME OF THE ROLE TECHNOLOGY CAN PLAY IN

4:41:19

DEMOCRATIC LIFE. LET'S TURN TO THE EUROPEAN C

4:41:24

CONTEXT. THERE'S A LOT OF TALK THESE DAYS OF DEMOCRACIES AFFIRMING TECHNOLOGIES. IT'S A NICE TERM.

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TELL US WHAT IT MEANS FROM THE SPANISH PERSPECTIVE, THE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE MORE

4:41:36

GENERALLY? >> THANK YOU, TOM. AND THANK YOU FOR THE KIND INVITATION TO BE A PART OF THIS CONFERENCE. LET ME BEGIN BY SAYING SOMETHING

4:41:42

THAT SETS THE BACKGROUND OF WHAT WE'RE DISCUSSING. AND I SEE TWO MAJOR THREATS TO

4:41:48

DEMOCRACY EMERGING OUT OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES. ONE IS THE IN THE PUBLIC DEBATE SPACE, AND I THINK IT'S BEEN

4:41:54

DISCUSSED QUITE THOROUGHLY THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE.

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IT'S ALSO LINKED TO THE FACT BECAUSE OF ITS DIGITAL NATURE IT OPENS OUR PUBLIC DEBATE TO

4:42:08

EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE, AND ALSO SOMETHING I THINK IS VERY RELEVANT, WHICH IS WE'RE JUST

4:42:14

UNFORTUNATE SOME OF THESE PLATFORMS ARE FUNDED IN A VERY SIMILAR WAY TO HOW OUR TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF

4:42:20

STRUCTURING THE DEBATE IS FUNDED. SO, IN FACT, WE'RE WEAKENING THE TRADITIONAL ARCHITECTURE OF

4:42:26

STRUCTURING OR PUBLIC DEBATE AS WE HAVE THESE NEW ACTORS EMERGING WHERE DISINFORMATION IS WIDELY -- WIDELY CIRCULATED.

4:42:32

BUT THE OTHER AREA I THINK IS VERY SIGNIFICANT, AND THAT IS LINKED TO DATA AND SURVEILLANCE

4:42:38

THAT HAS BEEN MENTIONED NOW AND THE GROWING CAPACITY OF AUTHORITARIAN STATES TO SURVEIL

4:42:45

MINORITIES AND REPRESS. BUT THERE'S SOMETHING DEEPER TO THAT CAPACITY, AND THIS IS

4:42:50

SOMETHING I THINK THE AMBASSADOR WAS MENTIONING A SECOND AGO, WHICH IS THE CONVERGENCE OF BIG

4:42:56

DATA OF NEURO SCIENCE AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES IS BLURRING THE FRONTIER BETWEEN KNOWING HOW

4:43:02

OUR CITIZENS BEHAVE AND BEING ABLE TO SHAPE HOW OUR CITIZENS BEHAVE. SO THERE'S REALLY AN ALTERNATIVE

4:43:09

FORM OF GOVERNMENT EMERGING THROUGH THE DEPLOYMENT OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES. NOW, THERE'S A LOT WE CAN DO AS

4:43:14

DEMOCRACIES TO ACCOUNT TO THIS. IN FACT, WE'VE JUST DEPLOYED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND WE'RE BEGINNING

4:43:20

TO WORK ON THIS ON A NUMBER OF CHALLENGES FOR SCALEUPS AND START-UPS AROUND THE WORLD THAT

4:43:25

ARE USING DEMOCRACY AFFIRMING TECHNOLOGIES SO THAT WE CAN HIGHLIGHT THEM -- IDENTIFY THEM,

4:43:31

HIGHLIGHT THEM AND BRING THEM TO THE FORE, AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF AREAS WHERE THESE STARTUPS

4:43:37

AND TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES ARE WORKING THAT ARE OF GREAT INTEREST TO US. YOU KNOW, TECHNOLOGY TO MOBILIZE

4:43:42

AND USE DATA FOR GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY IN A WAY

4:43:48

THAT IS RESPECTFUL OF PRIVACY, TECHNOLOGIES THAT CAN FIGHT DISINFORMATION, DO FACT CHECKING, IMPROVE OUR CYBER

4:43:53

CAPABILITIES, DEMOCRACIES THAT CAN HELP FORWARD ENFRANCHISEMENT

4:43:58

AND DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL PROCESSES. SO WE NEED TO IDENTIFY THEM. AND LET ME FINISH WITH A TIME

4:44:05

THOUGHT HERE, WHICH IS THAT DEMOCRACIES ARE NOT WEAK IN THIS SPACE. WE DO NOT BEGIN THIS DEBATE FROM A POSITION OF WEAKNESS.

4:44:12

JUST AS A COUNTRY IS REPRESENTED IN THIS CONFERENCE, IT REPRESENTS 70% OF GLOBAL GDP.

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8 OUT OF THE 10 LARGEST CONSUMER MARKETS IN THE WORLD ARE DEMOCRACIES. 85 OF THE TOP 100 UNIVERSITIES

4:44:26

IN THE WORLD ARE BASED IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES. WE HAVE SOME OF THE MOST

4:44:32

SOPHISTICATED GOVERNMENT AND REGULATORY APPARATUS OUT THERE IN THE WORLD, SO WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO REGULATE THESE

4:44:39

TECHNOLOGIES. ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING REQUIRED FOR TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT, WE'RE BEGINNING FROM

4:44:44

A POSITION OF STRENGTHEN, FROM INNOVATION TO TRANSFER TO SCALABILITY BECAUSE OF MARKET SIZE TO OUR CAPACITY TO REGULATE

4:44:50

SOME OF THESE TECHNOLOGIES. SO THERE'S A LOT WE CAN DO TO SHAPE THE WAY TECHNOLOGY IS

4:44:56

DEVELOPED AND DEPLOYED IN THE WORLD. AND I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE ALSO TO TAKE FROM THIS CONFERENCE.

4:45:01

THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN. >> THANK YOU. LOTS OF POWERFUL IDEAS THERE. I APPRECIATE YOUR GIVING US THAT

4:45:07

OVERVIEW. WE HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF TIME LEFT IN WHICH I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO GO BACK.

4:45:15

SO LET ME TURN FIRST.

4:45:21

WE DO HAVE SOME HERE IN THESE PRESENTATIONS AND WHAT YOU WERE SAYING BEFORE, I'M HOPING YOU

4:45:26

CAN OFFER A FEW MORE THOUGHTS ON WHERE WE ARE. >> CERTAINLY. SO I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE

4:45:37

DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURES JUST LIKE RELIABLE

4:45:42

INFRASTRUCTURE MAKING OUR LIVES SAFER AND MORE CONVENIENT. I'VE GOT AN EXAMPLE HERE.

4:45:51

IN 2015 CIVIC TECHNOLOGIEST INVENTED AIR BOX, A LOW COST AIR QUALITY TRACKER ADOPTED BY MANY

4:45:58

SCHOOLS AND HOUSES HERE AND PAVED THE WAY FOR DATA

4:46:05

STEWARDSHIP. IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR OUR GOVERNMENT INITIATED CIVIL IOT.

4:46:16

AND AT THE TIME THERE WERE JUST AROUND 2,000 DEVICES AND TODAY THERE ARE TENS OF THOUSANDS. AND WE MOVE ON FROM THE STEP OF

4:46:22

SHARING DATA TO SHARING SHARED GOALS THROUGH AI OR ASSISTIVE

4:46:28

INTELLIGENCE. FOR INSTANCE, IN 2015 MANY -- WE

4:46:40

UTILIZED THE SYSTEM HERE FOR STAKEHOLDERS TO RESONATE WITH EACH OTHER'S FEELINGS.

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FOR EXAMPLE, SAFETY IS A VALUE OF WHICH ALL PARTIES AGREE AND A ROUGH CONSENSUS WAS FORMED

4:46:53

AROUND PROFESSIONALIZING INSURANCES AND TAXIS.

4:47:01

DURING THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS

4:47:07

USED THE POLICIES HERE WITH A VISUALIZED SPECTRUM OF IDEAS. PARTICIPANTS AROUND THE WORLD

4:47:13

CAN SEE WHERE THEY STAND WITH OTHERS SO WE CAN CREATE A NORM OR A GOOD ENOUGH CONSENSUS.

4:47:19

I THINK TO CLOSE OFF WE NEED TO

4:47:33

INSTITUTIONALIZE THE RAPID DEPLOYMENT. FIVE TEAMS EACH YEAR RECEIVE

4:47:39

THIS TROPHY CARRYING THE PRESIDENTIAL PROMISE OF SUPPORT IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

4:47:44

SO TO CONCLUDE I URGE ALL FREE

4:47:52

COUNTRIES TO INVEST AND TO GIVE NO TRUST IS TO GET NO TRUST. AS A DEMOCRACY WE MUST TRUST OUR

4:48:01

CITIZENS. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. EARLIER SUSMAPGTA HIGHLIGHTED

4:48:07

OF, QUOTE, TECHNOLOGY NOT HAVING A CONSCIENCE. YOU SAID SOMETHING HERE WHICH IS AN INTERESTING COUNTER POINT TO

4:48:14

THAT WHICH IS SHARED VALUES HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT. I LOVE THAT CONCEPT, AND I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY A POWERFUL

4:48:20

THOUGHT. WE NOW HAVE NOW THE PRESIDENT WHO'S GOING TO ALSO OFFER SOME

4:48:26

CLOSING REMARKS. PLEASE. >> THANK YOU. I THINK WE CAN SAY THAT

4:48:31

TECHNOLOGY -- DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND SOCIAL NETWORKS COULD PROMOTE INCLUSIVENESS IN A

4:48:40

DEMOCRACY TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION OF

4:48:46

PEOPLE IN DEMOCRATIC DECISION MAKING. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE ARE SOME CRRSERIOUS CHALLENGES AND

4:48:56

THREATS TO DEMOCRATIC POLLS BY DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION ONLY TWO

4:49:02

PROBLEMATIC ASPECTS, AND WE SHALL DEAL WITH THAT IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND ALSO IN THE PUBLIC DEBATE.

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THE FIRST IS A SURVEILLANCE OF

4:49:14

PEOPLE. SURVEILLANCE IS A TOTAL SURVEILLANCE BY THE DIGITAL PLATFORM USED BY BIG DATA IN ORDER TO PROFILING THE PEOPLE.

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AND THE PROFILING IS THE BASIS FOR INFLUENCING THEIR BEHAVIOR IN GOOD OR BAD DIRECTION.

4:49:29

BUT I THINK ALREADY THE SITUATION THAT THERE IS SUCH AN

4:49:37

INFRASTRUCTURE, SURVEILLANCE SHOULD BE A BASIS FOR SOME

4:49:43

HESITATION. THE SECOND IS CONTENT CONTROL OF PUBLIC DEBATE.

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I AM FIRM OF THE OPINION THAT THE CONTENT CONTROL AND WE CAN

4:49:55

SPEAK ALSO ABOUT CENSORSHIP IS NOT FOR THE GLOBAL CONCERNS, FOR THE GLOBAL PLATFORMS TO DO IT.

4:50:01

IT IS FOR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS, WHERE THERE IS RULE OF LAW AND YOU CAN GO

4:50:08

BEFORE THE COURT AND SO ON, AND FOR EXAMPLE, A EUROPEAN PARTNER IN HUMAN RIGHTS IS DEALING WITH

4:50:14

PROBLEMS OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, FREEDOM OF SPEECH.

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BUT IT IS NOT FOR THE GLOBAL PLATFORMS TO DO IT. AND I THINK ONE OF THE PREVIOUS

4:50:25

SPEAKERS SAID CLEARLY GLOBAL

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PLATFORMS AS AN INTERNET STRUCTURE SHOULD BE NEUTRAL. AND WE ARE LIVING IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES, AND IT IS FOR THE

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DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY TO DECIDE ON THEIR CONTENT WHICH SHOULD BE

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VERY, VERY BROAD CONTENT AND ALSO THERE ARE SOME LIMITATIONS.

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FOR EXAMPLE, HATE SPEECH. AND THIS IS A BIG TASK FOR A DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION TO

4:50:54

PROVIDE THAT. AND ALSO THE SURVEILLANCE IS A PROBLEMATIC ASPECT.

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AND I THINK WE SHOULD -- THERE IS ALREADY CERTAIN -- CERTAIN

4:51:09

MOVEMENT TO OUR REGULATION OR TO REGULATIONS OF GLOBAL PLATFORMS

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AND INTERNET. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT. THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES SHOULD

4:51:24

REGULATE THE PLATFORMS AND IN ORDER TO ENSURE DEMOCRACY AND

4:51:29

ENSURE HUMAN RIGHTS AND NOT TO -- TO ALLOW PRIVATE COMPANIES

4:51:37

TO COMMAND AND TO INFLUENCE PUBLIC DEBATE. I THINK THIS IS VERY CLEAR

4:51:44

PROBLEM. IN THE EUROPEAN UNION WE ARE DISCUSSING ALREADY THAT, BUT IT IS, OF COURSE, A GLOBAL ISSUE,

4:51:50

TOO. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU FOR THOSE ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS. AND I'M DELIGHTED NOW TO TURN US BACK TO SAMANTHA POWER FOR SOME

4:51:59

CLOSING REMARKS. SAMANTHA? >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, TOM. AND THANKS TO ALL THE PANELISTS

4:52:05

FOR A FASCINATING AND URGENT DISCUSSION. TO STATE THE OBVIOUS, THE

4:52:11

CHALLENGE BEFORE US IS IMMENSE IN THIS COMING SO-CALLED YEAR OF

4:52:19

ACTION AS WE WORK TO INTEGRATE HUMAN RIGHTS MUCH MORE DEEPLY IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF

4:52:24

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES. AND HERE JUST TO PAINT THE CHALLENGE IN ITS STARKEST FORM

4:52:29

I'LL COME BACK TO SOMETHING

4:52:35

AMBASSADOR DONOHUE SAID WHICH IS DEM D DIGITAL AUTHORITARIANISM IS ON

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TRACK TO BECOME THE DOMINANT MODEL OF DIGITAL DOMINANCE.

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I'LL COME IT BACK TO SOMETHING

4:52:52

THE PROVOST TOUCHED UPON WHICH IS US REMEMBERING OUR POWER AND OUR LEVERAGE. AND HE OFFERED A COUPLE OF

4:52:58

STATISTICS VERY, VERY STRIKING INCLUDING IF YOU JUST TAKE THE COUNTRIES GATHERED HERE AT THE DEMOCRACY SUMMIT, THAT ACCOUNTS

4:53:03

FOR MORE THAN 70% OF THE GLOBAL GDP. THERE IS LEVERAGE HERE, AND

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WHILE MANY ARE LATE TO THIS CONVERSATION WHETHER ABOUT WHAT FORM OF REGULATION IS

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APPROPRIATE OR HOW TO BAND TOGETHER AND SHARE INSIGHTS LIKE

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THE PRESIDENT OF LATVIA HAS URGED US TO DO ON

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DISINFORMATION, "A," BETTER LATE THAN NEVER. BUT, BM, WE ACTUALLY HAVEN'T HAD THE CONCENTRATED FOCUS ON THIS

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SET OF ISSUES WARRANTED BY A LONG SHOT. SO THERE'S HOPE IN THAT, MAYBE WITH THIS CONCENTRATION OF

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EFFORT WE CAN MAKE A FAR BIGGER DENT THAN WE HAVE SO FAR. ON THIS PANEL WE'VE TALKED A LOT

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ABOUT THE ROLES OF GOVERNMENT IN CIVIL SOCIETY, BUT AS YOU KNOW TO TRULY ADVANCE AN AFFIRMATIVE

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VISION OF DIGITAL DEMOCRACY WE HAVE TO STAY CLOSELY ENGAGED

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WITH RESEARCHERS, TECHNOLOGISTS AND THE CITIZENS WHO USE THESE

4:54:03

TECHNOLOGIES EVERY DAY AS WELL AS THE TECH COMPANIES THEMSELVES. WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES THAT HAVE THE GREATEST POTENTIAL TO UNDERMINE

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HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY TOGETHER, USING ALL OF THE TOOLS

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AT OUR DISPOSAL, LEARNING FROM ONE ANOTHER AND MOVING FAST. BUT NOT SO FAST THAT WE BREAK

4:54:22

THE THINGS MOST DEAR TO US, WHICH IS A REAL RISK. THE U.N. GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON

4:54:27

BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROVIDE US WITH A NORTH STAR ALREADY.

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THESE PRINCIPLES MAKE CLEAR GOVERNMENTS HAVE THE DUTY TO PROTECT HUMAN RIGHTS.
COMPANIES HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS.

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AND WHEN COMPANIES VIOLATE THESE RIGHTS, VICTIMS HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMEDY. THE FACT THAT
WE ARE SEEING SO

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MANY TECH COMPANIES FAIL IN THESE BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES

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TELLS US THAT MUCH MORE AGGRESSIVE WORK IS NEEDED. WE'VE GOT TO PUSH COMPANY AS

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HARD AS WE PUSH GOVERNMENTS INCLUDING OUR OWN TO INTEGRATE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE

4:55:02

DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FROM START TO FINISH AND
CALL OUT COMPANIES

4:55:08

WHEN THEY FAIL TO DO SO. DIGITAL RISKS AND POTENTIAL HARMS MUST FEATURE MUCH MORE

4:55:15

PROMINENTLY IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CURRICULA,

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BRINGING ETHICS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, SOCIAL IMPACTS AND

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ALGORITHMS TOGETHER IN CR

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CURRICULA. WE SHOULD CONSIDER PROPOSALS LIKE ASKING TECH ENGINEERS TO COMMIT TO A CODE
OF ETHICS SIMILAR TO A HIPPOCRATIC OATH.

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WE CAN AND SHOULD ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY TO TAKE REFORMS LIKE THIS ON, AND THE U.S. HAS BEGUN

4:55:49

TO BUILD PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO DO JUST THAT. AT THE SAME TIME, NO MATTER HOW HARD WE WORK TO PREVENT THE

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MISUSE OF TECHNOLOGY ON THE DESIGN SIDE, THE POTENTIAL FOR MISUSE, OF COURSE, WILL REMAIN.

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THE DEVELOPMENT OF RIGHTS RESPECTING TECHNOLOGY SHOULD BE PAIRED WITH BUSINESS GUIDELINES

4:56:08

TO GUARD AGAINST MISUSE AND ENCOURAGE DUE DILIGENCE BY PURCHASERS OF TECHNOLOGIES WITH SURVEILLANCE CAPACITY.

4:56:16

GOVERNMENTS AND COMPANIES ALIKE COULD SYSTEMATICALLY CONDUCT HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT ASSESSMENTS WHEN THEY BUY TECHNOLOGIES THAT

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CAN BE USED FOR OPPRESSION. IN THE U.S. WE CAN LOOK FOR INFORMATION ON WHAT THE SUPREME

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COURT JUSTICE LOUIE BRAN DICE FAMOUSLY DESCRIBED AS LABORATORIES OF DEMOCRACY.

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AND WE ARE SEEING STATES TAKE THE LEAD ON INTRODUCING MORE COMPREHENSIVE DATA PRIVACY MEASURES THAN EXIST AT THE

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FEDERAL LEVEL WHILE MANY CITIES PASS MORE STRINGENT LAWS ON THE USE OF SURVEILLANCE TECHNOLOGY. AND I VERY MUCH TAKE THE POINT

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THAT WAS MADE BY ONE OF THE PANELISTS THAT THERE'S A LABORATORY OF IDEAS IN THE WORLD AS WELL WHEN IT COMES TO

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REGULATORY FRAMEWORKS. STATES HAVE ALREADY INTRODUCED -- STATES IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE ALREADY

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INTRODUCED OVER 100 BILLS THIS YEAR PROPOSING NEW WAYS OF ADDRESSING THE HARMS TECHNOLOGY

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HAS CAUSED. MY HOPE IS THAT WHEN WE GATHER A YEAR FROM NOW THIS SUMMIT WILL BE SEEN AS HAVING HELPED

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DEMOCRACIES TO RALLY AROUND A DIFFERENT VISION FOR THE FUTURE,

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MATCHED WITH BOLD ACTION IN WHICH TECHNOLOGY IS USED TO HELP ADVANCE DEMOCRACY IN THE MODERN

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AGE RATHER THAN UNDERMINE IT. THANK YOU SO MUCH. >> THANK YOU, SAMANTHA.

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AND THANK YOU, AGAIN, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND BRINGING THE USA TO THE FOREFRONT OF THESE

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ISSUES. IT'S SOMETHING REALLY NEEDED AND GOING TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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I PROMISED A DIVERSITY OF PERSPECTIVES. WE HEARD THAT AND AN INTERESTING ONE, BUT COMING THROUGH THAT

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DIVERSITY OF PERSPECTIVES WERE ALSO A SET OF COMMON THEMES AND VALUES AND PRINCIPLES THAT

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SAMANTHA WAS JUST EMPHASIZING, SO I THINK THAT WAS A NICE COMBINATION OF DIVERSITY BUT ALSO CONSISTENCY OF VALUES AND

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PRINCIPLES THAT I HOPES COME THROUGH THROUGH IN THIS SUMMIT GENERALLY. STAY WITH THIS SUMMIT FOR

4:58:03

DEMOCRACY. IN A LITTLE WHILE THERE'LL BE -- I THINK ABOUT AN HOUR AND 45

4:58:08

MINUTES -- THE YOUTH TOWN HALL WORTH TUNING INTO AS WELL AS WELL AS OTHER THINGS TO COME

4:58:14

INCLUDING OF COURSE CLOSING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT BIDEN LATER ON. SO THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR THE PANEL, AND I WISH YOU A GOOD

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DAY AND SUCCESS WITH ALL THE MANY ENDEAVORS THAT ALL OF US ARE ENGAGED ON ON THESE VITAL

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ISSUES.

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WORTH TUNING INTO AS WELL AS

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>>> IT IS MY HONOR TO INTRODUCE OUR MODERATOR FOR TODAY'S SUMMIT

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FOR DEMOCRACY YOUTH TOWN HALL, AMBASSADOR LINDA THOMAS-GREENFIELD IS THE

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AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED NATIONS. LINDA THOMAS-GREENFIELD IS A 35-YEAR VETERAN OF THE U.S. FOREIGN SERVICE, LED THE AFRICA

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PRACTICE AT THE AL BROOIGT STONE BRIDGE GROUP AND WAS A DISTINGUISHED RESIDENT FELLOW.

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SHE HAS ACADEMIC DEGREES FROM LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN AND AN HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE

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UNIVERSITY OF LIBERIA. PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING

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AMBASSADOR THOMAS-GREENFIELD. >> WELCOME, EVERYONE, TO THE YOUTH TOWN HALL AT THE FIRST

6:46:51

SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY. MY, YOU GUYS LOOK SO GREAT OUT

6:46:59

THERE ON SCREEN. IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO DISCUSS DEMOCRACY WITH SUCH AN INSPIRING AND DIVERSE GROUP OF YOUNG

6:47:05

LEADERS. YOU'RE FROM 60 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES. YOU'RE JOURNALISTS, POLITICOS,

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ACADEMICS, AND BUSINESS LEADERS. YOU'RE ACTIVISTS AND ADVOCATES,

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HUMORARIANS AND HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS. MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, YOU ARE

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LEADERS. YOU'RE ONE OF OUR GREATEST UNTAPPED RESOURCES FOR

6:47:31

REVITALIZING DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOVERNANCE. NOT ONLY IN THE FUTURE, BUT MORE

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IMPORTANTLY, TODAY, ALL AROUND THE WORLD. WHICH IS WHY WHENEVER I TRAVEL

6:47:44

AND REPRESENT AMERICA AROUND THE WORLD, I SEEK OUT YOUNG LEADERS.

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YOUR UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES INSPIRING STORIES AND INNOVATIVE

6:47:57

SPR APPROACHES ARE ALWAYS WORTH HEARING. YOU KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE

6:48:02

WHERE THE WORLD IS HEADED AND YOU ARE THE ONES WHO WILL INHERIT IT. SO WE HAVE A SERIOUS OBLIGATION

6:48:10

TO ENSURE YOU HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE. THAT'S WHAT THIS TOWN HALL IS

6:48:16

ABOUT, GIVING YOUNG PEOPLE A PROMINENT PLACE IN THIS SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY.

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AS WE STRIVE FOR A MORE INCLUSIVE DEMOCRACY, IT IS CRUCIAL TO HEAR YOUNG VOICES

6:48:30

LIKE YOURS. FAR TOO OFTEN YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SIDELINED.

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YOUR PERSPECTIVES IGNORED. THAT'S UNACCEPTABLE AT A MOMENT

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WHEN SO MANY OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES DEMOCRACIES FACE TODAY AFFECT YOUNG PEOPLE MOST

6:48:46

ACUTELY FROM THREATS SUCH AS THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE COVID-19

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PANDEMIC OR ON ISSUES SUCH AS THE SHIFTING ECONOMY, RACIAL JUSTICE AND INCLUSION, THE

6:49:00

DECISIONS WE MAKE NOW WILL REVERBERATE FOR THE REST OF YOUR

6:49:08

LIVES. SO YOUR VOICES NEED TO BE HEARD. PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANTLY YOU'RE

6:49:13

COMING OF AGE AT A MOMENT WHEN DEMOCRACY IS UNDER THREAT AROUND

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THE WORLD, INCLUDING IN THE UNITED STATES. RAMPANT INEQUALITY, POISONOUS

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RHETORIC, AND EMBOLDENED AUTHORITARIANS ARE FOMENTING DIVISIONS AND DISTRUST.

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DISINFORMATION, FOREIGN INTERFERENCE, AND FEAR MONGERING ARE STRAINING OUR
DEMOCRACIES.

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WHEN IT COMES TO OUR DEMOCRACY, WHEN IT COMES TO PROTECTING A

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GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE, FAILURE IS NOT AN OPTION.

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WHICH IS WHY WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU. BECAUSE NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE A

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STAKE IN THIS FIGHT, YOU ARE OUR MOST POWERFUL RESOURCE.

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YOUR COMMUNITIES, YOUR COUNTRIES, YOUR DEMOCRACIES, AND THE WHOLE WORLD NEED YOUR

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TALENTS, YOUR INSIGHTS, YOUR WISDOM, AND YOUR PASSION.

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SO, LET'S HEAR YOUR PERSPECTIVES, GET TO YOUR QUESTIONS AND PUSH FOR NEW WAYS

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TO BRING YOUNG PEOPLE INTO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

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THANK YOU. WE WILL BEGIN WITH A QUESTION FROM UBATA FRARAJALA FROM

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JORDAN. UBATA, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. [SPEAKING FOREIGN LANGUAGE]

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>> Translator: THANK YOU, YOUR EXCE EXCELLENCY FOR THIS INVITATION

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AND WELCOMING US TO BE PART OF THE SUMMIT.

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TO BE PART OF THIS TOWN HALL, I ASKED MYSELF, BEFORE COMING

6:51:07

HERE, HOW WE CAN EVALUATE DEMOCRACY AFTER FACING MANY

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CHALLENGES CULMINATED BY THE CURRENT COVID PANDEMIC? THIS CHANGED THE GOVERNMENT'S

6:51:20

PRIORITIES AND THE IMPACT OF THIS PANDEMIC ON THE ECONOMIC SITUATIONS, BECAUSE CURRENTLY

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WE'RE FACING GRAVE COLLAPSE THAT IS NOT CALCULATED.

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AT THE SAME TIME, IMPACTED, LIBERTIES, THE FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION THAT TURN THE TIDE

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TOWARD DEMOCRACY, FACED BY MANY COUNTRIES. AND ESPECIALLY THOSE COUNTRIES

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THAT HAVE BEEN LEAST DEMOCRATIC, LET ALONE THOSE THAT ARE TYRANNICAL.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT THE DECLINE AND

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POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT REFORMS WHILE THE CIVIL SOCIETY ENTIRELY

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IS OCCUPIED WITH HUMANITARIAN

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EMERGENCIES. THIS LETS US -- AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

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WHAT IS THE TRUE ROLE THAT

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IMPACTED BY THE CURRENT PANDEMIC TO TURN THE TIDE TO THE -- TO

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THESE STEPS AND ADVANCEMENTS

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T TOWARDS DEMOCRACY? MAYBE OUR SUMMIT TODAY IS JUST A START. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT SUMMIT.

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IT COULD BE THE ONLY SUMMIT THAT WILL START RAISING THE BANNER TO

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CHAMPION THE CAUSES OF DEMOCRACY

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AND SAVE DEMOCRACY TODAY, AND THEREFORE IT'S VERY IMPORTANT WHAT WE DO NEXT AFTER THIS SUMMIT.

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>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION, UBATA. YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT.

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THE PANDEMIC IS ONE ISSUE THAT IS SO MUCH MORE THAN A HE'ALTH

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CRISIS. IT'S ALSO A CRISIS IN GOVERNANCE AS GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD MISMANAGE THE CRISIS OR USE THE

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CRISIS AS A PRETEXT FOR EXTENDING EMERGENCY POWERS,

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STEPPING UP DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE, AND SILENCING DISSENT. THE PANDEMIC HAS HAD SEVERE

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EFFECT ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMY, HOLD BACK GROWTH AND INCREASING POVERTY RATES, DISRUPTING

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SERVICE PROVISIONS AND EXACERBATING INEQUALITY WITH THE POOREST COUNTRIES LIKELY TO FACE

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THE LONGEST LASTING REPERCUSSIONS. THE PANDEMIC HAS ALSO LED TO SIGNIFICANT SETBACKS IN TERMS OF

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MANY OF THE DEVELOPMENT GAINS FROM THE PAST TWO DECADES. IT HAS STRAINED ALL OF OUR

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INSTITUTIONS AND LED TO COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD PUTTING IN PLACE RESTRICTIONS TO CONTAIN THE PANDEMIC.

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AND IN SOME COUNTRIES, CONTAINING THE VIRUS BECAME A MEANS TO CONSTRAIN PEOPLE BY

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LIMITING FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. CONTROLLING MISINFORMATION BECAME A PRETEXT FOR BLOCKING

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CITIZENS' ACCESS TO FREE, TIMELY, AND ACCURATE INFORMATION. AND LIMITING PEOPLE'S MOVEMENTS

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LEFT MANY WITH NO ESCAPE FROM ABUSIVE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,

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EXACERBATED BY LOSS OF WHATEVER PUBLIC SERVICES MIGHT HAVE BEEN

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AVAILABLE BUT NOW ARE NOT. SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO? FIRST AND FOREMOST, WE NEED TO

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END THE PANDEMIC. THAT MEANS GETTING VACCINES

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DISTRIBUTED AND ADMINISTERED AROUND THE WORLD AND SAVING LIVES. THIS IS A GLOBAL PANDEMIC, AND

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NO ONE IS SAFE UNTIL ALL OF US ARE SAFE, AND THAT IS WHY THE U.S. IS COMMITTED TO DONATING

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1.2 BILLION VACCINE DOSES WORLDWIDE, ENDING THE PANDEMIC ALSO MEANS BUILDING BACK BETTER.

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PART OF BUILDING BACK BETTER IS REDOUBLING OUR EFFORTS TO FIGHT

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN

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PUTTING IN SUMMIT,

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AND ABUSING HUMAN RIGHTS AND WE HAVE TO STAND UP FOR THAT DIFFERENCE. BUILDING BACK BETTER ALSO MEANS

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INVESTIGATING IN PROGRAMS FOCUSED ON GLOBAL HEALTH, EDUCATION, FOOD SECURITY,

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ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND GOOD GOVERNANCE SO THAT WE NOT ONLY REGAIN LOST GROUND, BUT ENSURE

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OUR DEMOCRACIES ARE DELIVERING EVEN BETTER CONCRETE RESULTS FOR

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PEOPLE. WE CAN DO THAT RIGHT HERE AT THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY.

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FOR EXAMPLE, THE UNITED STATES IS COMMITTING TO INTENSIFYING ITS EFFORTS TO COMBAT AND

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PREVENT CORRUPTION AND EXPAND OUR SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENT MEDIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY

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ORGANIZATIONS. THE MORE CORRUPTION WE ELIMINATE THE MORE LIKELY PEOPLE ARE TO TRUST THEIR INSTITUTIONS,

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WHETHER IT'S MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS, PROVIDING SAFETY

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GUIDELINES OR THE JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS THAT ENFORCE THE INTEGRITY OF OUR DEMOCRATIC

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SOCIETY. SIMILARLY, MEDIA AND CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD ARE WORKING TO SHINE A

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LIGHT ON CORRUPTION, ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE AND DEMAND GREATER

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TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY.

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WHEN THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE STRONG, THEY CAN TRADE ON ONE OF OUR MOST POWERFUL TOOLS, OPEN

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INFORMATION, FROM SHARING BEST HEALTH PRACTICES TO EXPOSING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, A

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VIBRANT ECOSYSTEM CAN ENSURE THAT GLOBAL PANDEMIC DOESN'T

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FURTHER UNDERMINE SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU, AGAIN.

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NOW LET ME READ A QUESTION FROM PAMPHA PURKOTI FROM NEPAL.

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WHAT ARE SOME OF THE BEST PRACTICES IN STRONG DEMOCRATIC

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COUNTRIES FOR POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN WITH

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DISD DISABILITIES AND MEMBERS OF MARGINALIZED POPULATIONS, INCLUDING REPRESENTATION IN THE

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DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND STATE GOVERNING STRUCTURES THAT COULD BE REPLICATED IN DEVELOPING

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COUNTRIES LIKE NEPAL? PAMPHA, THANK YOU FOR THAT

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QUESTION. THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL PEOPLE IN POLITICAL LIFE AND DECISION MAKING IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT

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OF DEMOCRACY AND THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH, WOMEN, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, LBGTQI

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PLUS INDIVIDUALS, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE AND OTHER MINORITY GROUPS ENSURES THAT DEMOCRACY IS

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REPRESENTATIVE AND THAT IT IS INCLUSIVE AND WE NEED TO START BY MAKING SURE WE PROTECT THE

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RIGHTS OF EVERYONE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BECAUSE WE KNOW IT IS OFTEN

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THESE GROUPS WHOSE VOTES ARE UNFAIRLY TARGETED. ONE WAY TO PROTECT THIS RIGHT IS

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BY PAIRING VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVES WITH COORDINATED COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS.

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THIS ENSURES EVERYONE IS ON THE VOTER ROLLS AND EVERYONE HAS HELP GETTING TO POLLING

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STATIONS, PARTICULARLY OLDER PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, WHO MAY REQUIRE

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ASSISTANCE. PAMPHA, THE TRUTH IS, CHALLENGES ABOUND FOR THESE GROUPS.

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THE ONLY ANSWER IS TO KEEP FIGHTING, TO ELEVATE THE VOICES

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OF WOMEN AND YOUTH WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO GIRLS IN THEIR DIVERSITY AND CIVIL AND

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POLITICAL LEADERSHIP ROLES. IT'S TOUGHER FOR US. AND THAT'S NOT FAIR.

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BUT THE MORE WE INSIST ON OUR RIGHTS, ON OUR PRESENCE AND ON OUR SEATS AT THE TABLE, THE MORE

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WE CAN MAKE IT NORMAL TO INCLUDE ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THE

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DECISION MAKING PROCESS AND PUBLIC LIFE. YOU ASKED FOR SOME EXAMPLES OF

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BEST PRACTICES. GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, CAN START BY TAKING

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TO ORDINARY PEOPLE AND ENSURE THAT THEY ARE TALKING TO PEOPLE OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS AND

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EXPERIENCES. ASKING THEIR OPINIONS AND LISTENING TO THEM, ENGAGING

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CIVIL SOCIETY AS PARTNERS, AND THESE SIMPLE STEPS, FROM THESE

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SIMPLE STEPS I THINK GOVERNMENTS WILL SEE THE VALUE OF ENGAGING THE VALUE OF SERVING NOT JUST

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THE ELITE, BUT ALL OF THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION.

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NEXT, LET'S HEAR FROM AVIKESH KUMAR, A YOUTH LEADER IN FIJI.

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THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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>> WARM PACIFIC GREETINGS. I JUST WANTED TO ASK, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASED FREQUENCY OF

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PROTESTS GLOBALLY, A SIGN THAT ORDINARY CITIZENS ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE DECISION MAKING

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PROCESSES AND UNDER TREATMENT FOR SOME GROUPS OF PEOPLE. WHAT CAN GOVERNMENTS DO AND HOW CAN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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INFLUENCE THEIR ALLIES IN DOING BETTER FOR THEIR CITIZENS AND ALLOWING PEACEFUL PROTESTS

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WITHOUT INTIMIDATION AND

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THREATS? >> THANK YOU FOR ASKING THAT TIMELY QUESTION. INDEED, OVER THE PAST YEAR WE'VE

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SEEN GOVERNMENT CRACKDOWN ON PEACEFUL PROTESTS AROUND THE WORLD. FOR EXAMPLE, IN SUDAN, PEOPLE

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HAVE BEEN MARCHING IN STREETS, WAVING FLAGS, CHANTING PROTESTS,

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DEMANDING TO BE HEARD EVEN DESPITE SECURITY FORCES USING VIOLENCE AGAINST THESE PEACEFUL

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PROTESTERS. IN NICARAGUA, THE OWE TA GA

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GOVERNMENT MADE ARRESTS AND PROTESTING THE CRACKDOWNS ON CIVIL SOCIETIES AND OPPONENTS

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SIMILARLY ALARMING. FOLLOWING THE COUP AND THE CONTINUED UNREST IN BURMA, WE

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HAVE SEEN THE MILITARY CRACKING DOWN ON THE PEOPLE OF BURMA FROM MAKING THEIR VOICES HEARD AND

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RECENTLY AS THIS PAST -- AS THIS PAST SUNDAY WE RECEIVED REPORTS OF THE MILITARY DRIVING A TRUCK

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THROUGH PROTESTERS AND FIRING INDISCRIMINATELY. LIKEWISE, THIS PAST JULY THE

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CUBAN GOVERNMENT RESPONDED WITH A WAVE OF VIOLENCE AND REPRESSION AFTER THOUSANDS OF

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CUBANS TOOK TO THE STREETS TO PROTEST THE LACK OF RESPECT FOR

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FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. THE VIOLENCE FROM THESE REGIMES IS WORRYING TO SAY THE LEAST,

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AND I HAVE TO SAY THE UNITED STATES HAS A CRITICAL ROLE TO PLAY IN PROTECTING FUNDAMENTAL

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FREEDOMS INCLUDING THE FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY AND EXPRESSION AND

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WE'RE COMMITTED TO MAKING OUR VOICE HEARD. I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT OTHER GOVERNMENTS AROUND THE WORLD ALSO HAVE AN IMPORTANT

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ROLE TO PLAY IN PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THESE FUNDAMENTAL

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FREEDOMS. SO YOU ASK, WHAT CAN WE DO? WE CAN TAKE A THREE-PRONGED

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APPROACH. FIRST, THE UNITED STATES NEEDS TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE. WE CAN AND MUST HOLD OURSELVES

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TO A HIGHER STANDARD WHEN IT COMES TO SUPPORTING PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY AND FUNDAMENTAL

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FREEDOMS. WE NEED TO SHOW WE MEAN IT WHEN WE SAY THAT PROTESTING IS

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PATRIOTIC, THAT INCLUDES PROVIDING REFUGE TO THOSE WHO FACE FEAR OF REPRISALS FROM

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MAKING THEIR VOICES HEARD AND SUPPORTING CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS WHO ARE OFTEN ON THE FRONT LINES

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IN THE FIGHT FOR FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS. SECOND, WE NEED TO CALL OUT AND

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HIGHLIGHT CASES WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS ARE VIOLATED LIKE THE ONES I

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MENTIONED AND MANY OTHERS THAT YOU ALL KNOW OF. WE NEED TO BE CONSISTENT ABOUT THIS, NO MATTER WHERE IT

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HAPPENS. THIRD, WE NEED TO USE OUR BILATERAL AND OUR MULTILATERAL

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TOOLS TO BUILD A STRONG COALITION OF LIKE-MINDED PARTNERS THAT WILL NOT ONLY CALL COUNTRIES OUT, BUT ALSO HOLD

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THEM ACCOUNTABLE. THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE INTEND TO DO IN OUR NEW ROLE AS MEMBERS

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OF THE U.N. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL.

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OUR NEXT QUESTION COMES FROM

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SHAYRAY SAEDS FROM INDIA. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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>> HI, AMBASSADOR. MY QUESTION IS WHAT STEPS CAN THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TAKE TO

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SAFEGUARD AND CHAMPION HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND ACROSS THE WORLD?

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>> THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, SHAYRA. I THINK THIS IS A FITTING

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QUESTION ON INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION PUTS

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HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE CENTER OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY. THAT IS ONE REASON WHY THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IS

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ONE OF THE THREE PILLARS THAT UNDERPIN THE SUMMIT FOR

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DEMOCRACY. WE KNOW WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS GOTTEN IT RIGHT, BUT WE'RE COMMITTED TO

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CONTINUING TO FIGHT FOR THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AROUND THE WORLD AND TO SUPPORTING HUMAN RIGHTS

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DEFENDERS. WE'RE ACTIVELY WORKING TO ENHANCE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, ACCOUNTABILITY, ACCESS

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TO JUSTICE, AND STRONG DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. THROUGHOUT THE SUMMIT, THE

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UNITED STATES HAS MADE A NUMBER OF CONCRETE COMMITMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE STANDING BY OUR

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COMMITMENTS TO SAFEGUARD HUMAN RIGHTS AND WE HOPE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES WILL JOIN US,

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INCLUDING IN THIS YEAR OF ACTION TO COME. SO LET ME GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE.

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WE PLAN TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE GLOBAL ANTI-CORRUPTION

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CONSORTIUM, A PROVEN, EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION THAT FOCUSES ON

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INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY WHO WORK TO ROOT

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OUT CORRUPTION. THE INCREASED FUNDING WILL DEEPEN AND EXPAND GEOGRAPHIC AND

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TOPICAL COVERAGE AND HELP TO LAUNCH A NEW OUTREACH PLAN TO

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ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE FINANCIAL SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES

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ALSO PLANS TO BOLSTER SUPPORT TO LIFELINE, EMBATTLED CSO

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ASSISTANCE FUND. THE FUND PROVIDES EMERGENCY GRANTS TO CIVIL SOCIETY

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ORGANIZATIONS FACING THREATS DUE TO THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS WORK IN REAL TIME AND WHEN THEY NEED IT

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THE MOST. INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS, MEDIA WORKERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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DEFENDERS ARE VITAL TO DEMOCRACY AND ALL THESE EFFORTS WILL HELP CREATE A THRIVING CIVIL SPACE

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WHERE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS AND THOSE WITH VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW CAN BE HEARD.

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I WOULD LIKE TO TURN THE TIME TO

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FILIP KULAKOV, WHO IS JOINING US FROM NORTH MACEDONIA. FILIP, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

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>> THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION AND FOR INCLUDING YOUTH IN THE CONVERSATION ON GLOBAL

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DEMOCRACY. MY QUESTION IS HOW CAN YOUTH AFFIRM THEMSELVES AS RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS ON ISSUES THAT ARE

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NOT TRADITIONALLY CONSIDERED TO BE ISSUES? CORRUPTION, HUMAN RIGHTS,

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SECURITY, FROM NORTH MACEDONIA AND THE WESTERN BALKANS ARE ALL

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TOPICS WHERE THE PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IS OFTEN OVERLOOKED AND IGNORED. HOW CAN GOVERNMENTS INCLUDE

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YOUTH IN DECISION MAKING PROCESSES AND IN POWER OF

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DECISION MAKING POSITIONS? >> THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION AND YOUR WORK IN NORTH MACEDONIA

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ON ADDRESSING YOUTH NEEDS AND PROMOTING YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL SOCIETY

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AND POLITICS. YOUR QUESTION IS SPOT ON. TOO OFTEN THE YOUTH VOICES ARE OVERLOOKED.

7:08:02

EVEN IN MATTERS THAT AFFECT THEM DIRECTLY. OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE PACE OF

7:08:08

ACTION. I THINK THAT'S WHY, ESPECIALLY ON ISSUES THAT MATTER MOST TO

7:08:14

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUTURES LIKE CLIMATE CHANGE, WE'RE SEEING SO MANY YOUNG LEADERS SPEAK UP AND

7:08:24

DEMAND CHANGE BUT AS I NOTED EARLIER, WE'RE SEEING A LOT OF YOUNG PEOPLE THROW UP THEIR HANDS IN FRUSTRATION AND JUST

7:08:30

REFUSE TO ENGAGE. IT'S SIMILAR TO THE SENSE MANY

7:08:36

YOUNG PEOPLE IN MY GENERATION FACED DURING THE 1960s, GIVE UP AND DROP OUT, INSTEAD OF WORKING

7:08:41

TO CHANGE A SYSTEM THEY DON'T SEE WORKING FOR THEM, THEY'RE

7:08:47

DISENGAGING AND THAT'S EXACTLY THE WRONG ANSWER. THE ISSUES THAT MIGHT BRING YOU

7:08:52

TO THE TABLE TO BE PART OF YOUR DEMOCRACY WILL BE DIFFERENT IN

7:08:57

EACH OF YOUR COUNTRIES, BUT THE PASSION YOU FEEL AND BRING IS THE SAME.

7:09:03

FOR ME, IT WAS THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES THAT FIRST GOT ME ENGAGED IN

7:09:11

CIVIC LIFE AND 60 YEARS LATER, WE STILL DON'T HAVE IT PERFECT. THE WORK IS FAR FROM FINISHED

7:09:17

BUT WE'VE MADE ENORMOUS PROGRESS AND IT'S THE SPIRIT AND THE PASSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE

7:09:25

UNITED STATES TODAY THAT CONTINUES TO DRIVE PROGRESS ON THIS CORE ISSUE FOR THE STRENGTH AND HEALTH OF OUR DEMOCRACY.

7:09:32

SO MY ADVICE TO YOU, TO ALL OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO AREN'T SURE

7:09:39

HOW TO CHANNEL THEIR ENERGY AND IDEAS TOWARDS THE CHANGE THEY WANT TO SEE, IS TO GET INVOLVED,

7:09:48

GET ORGANIZED. DON'T LET YOUR FRIENDS DISENGAGE

7:09:54

OR STAY HOME. MAKE YOUR VOICES LOUD ENOUGH THAT YOU CANNOT BE DISMISSED OR

7:10:00

IGNORED. IF WE CAN INCREASING PARTICIPATION AND REPRESENTATION

7:10:06

OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DECISION MAKING PROCESSES, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BETTER OUTCOME ACROSS THE

7:10:13

BOARD. I KNOW THAT'S TRUE IN MY EXPERIENCE, LISTENING TO THE VOICES AND THE PASSIONS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES AND

7:10:20

AROUND THE WORLD DURING MY TRAVEL AS A MEMBER OF THE CABINET, MAKES ME A BETTER

7:10:26

LEADER, SO I URGE YOU TO MAKE GOOD TROUBLE AS OUR GOOD FRIEND, THE AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS

7:10:32

PIONEER, CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS, LIKES TO SAY. YOUR IDEAS TODAY CAN HELP YOUR

7:10:38

COUNTRIES ACHIEVE A BETTER FUTURE TOMORROW. PART OF WHY THIS SUMMIT FOR

7:10:43

DEMOCRACY IS SO IMPORTANT, IS TO ENCOURAGE NEW VOICES TO TAKE PART IN DEMOCRACY AND TO REMIND

7:10:50

THOSE OF US OCCUPYING LEADERSHIP POSITIONS OF HOW IMPORTANT YOUR

7:10:56

VOICES ARE AND TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHT TO SPEAK OUT AND EVEN CRITICIZE OR PUSH GOVERNMENTS

7:11:02

WHEN YOU DON'T AGREE WITH CERTAIN POLICIES OR DECISIONS.

7:11:09

>> WE NOW HAVE A QUESTION SUBMITTED VIA SNAPCHAT.

7:11:14

THE QUESTION COMES FROM JENNYKA FROM FLORIDA WHO ASKS, I HAVE

7:11:24

CHILDREN. WHY SHOULD THEY CARE ABOUT DEMOCRACY? WHAT CAN I SAY TO THEM TO CARE

7:11:34

MORE AS THEY GROW. I'M GLAD YOU ASKED THIS QUESTION. I HAVE CHILDREN AND

7:11:40

GRANDCHILDREN OF MY OWN, SO I'VE THOUGHT ABOUT THIS QUITE A BIT.

7:11:46

FIRST I WOULD TELL THEM THAT THEY ARE OUR FUTURE. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CHILDREN,

7:11:52

INCLUDING YOUR CHILDREN, CARE ABOUT OUR DEMOCRACY.

7:11:59

THE FUTURE OF THE DEMOCRACY OF OUR COUNTRY WILL SHAPE NOT ONLY

7:12:05

YOUR LIVES BUT THEIR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF EVERY AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN HAVE THE POWER TO HELP

7:12:13

CHAIN SHAPE THAT FUTURE. HERE'S WHAT I TELL YOUNG PEOPLE WHENEVER I ENGAGE THEM AROUND THE WORLD.

7:12:18

DEMOCRACY IS THE BEST WAY TO

7:12:23

MAKE PROGRESS ON THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUES OF OUR TIME.

7:12:29

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOUR LBGTQI PLUS BROTHER OR SISTER DESERVES

7:12:34

THE SAME RIGHTS YOU DO, YOU NEED TO CARE ABOUT YOUR DEMOCRACY. IF YOU WANT THE NEXT GENERATION

7:12:41

TO INHERIT A PLANET WITH CLEAN WATER TO DRINK AND AIR TO BREATHE, YOU NEED TO CARE ABOUT

7:12:47

YOUR DEMOCRACY. IF YOU WANT TO SEE EVERY PERSON HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO THE BALLOT

7:12:58

BOX SO EVERY VOICE IS COUNTED EQUALLY, YOU NEED TO CARE ABOUT

7:13:03

DEMOCRACY. JENIKA, YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY FEEL LIKE THE CHOICES THAT

7:13:09

GET MADE IN WASHINGTON DON'T AFFECT YOUR LIVES, BUT IT TOUCHES EVERY ASPECT OF THE

7:13:14

WORLD YOU LIVE IN. THAT'S WHY THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION IS WORKING SO

7:13:20

HARD TO SHOW YOUNG AMERICANS JUST HOW DEMOCRACY CAN DELIVER

7:13:25

FOR YOU, WHETHER ITS FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN,

7:13:32

CUTTING CHILD POVERTY BY MORE THAN 40% THIS YEAR OR BY EXPANDING BROADBAND ACCESS TO

7:13:38

EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH THE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL. SOON, WE WILL HOPEFULLY PASS THE

7:13:45

BUILD BACK BETTER ACT, WHICH INCLUDES HISTORIC INVESTMENTS TO TACKLE THE CLIMATE CRISIS,

7:13:52

PROVIDE EQUITABLE AND SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG AMERICANS AND SUPPORT COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

7:13:59

PROGRAMS. LET'S BE CLEAR, GETTING THINGS

7:14:05

DONE IN A DEMOCRACY IS NOT ALWAYS EASY. DEMOCRACY IS MESSY, DEMOCRACY IS

7:14:12

HARD, DEMOCRACY REQUIRES COMPROMISE AND THAT MEANS THAT NO ONE IS EVER GOING TO GET 100%

7:14:17

OF WHAT THEY WANT. NOW THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE COMPROMISE ON EVERY CORE VALUE.

7:14:24

THINGS LIKE PROTECTING THE EQUAL HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL, BUT IT DOES MEAN

7:14:29

THAT WE HAVE TO ENGAGE WITH PEOPLE WE DISAGREE WITH AND STRIVE TO FIND AREAS WHERE OUR

7:14:36

INTERESTS OVERLAP AND WHERE WE CAN MOVE THE BALL FORWARD FOR THE GOOD OF ALL OF THE AMERICAN

7:14:48

PEOPLE. ON THESE ISSUES WHERE IT SEEMS LIKE OUR POSITIONS ARE IN TOTAL OPPOSITION, YOU HAVE TO GET

7:14:54

ORGANIZE, FIGHT LIKE HELL, TO BEAT THEM AT THE BALLOT BOX. THAT'S THE GREAT STRENGTH OF

7:14:59

DEMOCRACY. IF YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR LEADERSHIP, YOU CAN CHANGE IT.

7:15:04

BUT WE CAN'T LET CYNICISM GET THE BEST OF US. AMERICA NEEDS ITS NEXT

7:15:10

GENERATION TO CARE ABOUT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, GET INVOLVED AND TO MAKE THEIR VOICES HEARD.

7:15:17

I'M COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN AND ALL

7:15:22

AMERICANS AND I HOPE YOU WILL WORK WITH ME AND YOUR COMMUNITIES TO GET THINGS DONE.

7:15:30

NOW I WILL TURN TO JAVONNI AYERS

7:15:35

FROM SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY. HI, JAVONNI, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

7:15:40

>> HI. THANK YOU, AMBASSADOR THOMAS-GREENFIELD FOR THIS

7:15:45

AMAZING OPPORTUNITY. AS THE PRESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY IT IS MY GOAL TO ENSURE THAT STUDENT

7:15:51

EXPERIENCE AND MY HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY IS AT ITS BEST.

7:15:57

RECOGNIZING THE ROLE HBCUs PLAY IN STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY, WHAT

7:16:02

ARE YOUR PLANS TO ENSURE THAT HBCs CONTINUE TO PROVIDE QUALITY EDUCATION TO THE BLACK COMMUNITY

7:16:08

AND ALSO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PROPER EDUCATION AND FUNDING?

7:16:14

>> NICE TO SEE YOU, JAVONNI. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT QUESTION AND ONE OF THE REASONS I WANTED

7:16:20

TO MEET WITH YOU AND THE HBCU SCHOLARS LAST WEEK, I AM FIRMLY

7:16:28

COMMITTED TO ENSURE THAT HBCUs THRIVE. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL INSTITUTIONS,

7:16:34

CRITICAL ENGINES OF OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERATIONS OF BLACK AMERICANS AND INCUBATORS OF

7:16:42

EXCELLENCE. HBCUs CONTINUE TO PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN ENSURE BLACK AMERICANS

7:16:47

ARE ABLE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN OUR DEMOCRACY AND HAVE A FAIR SHOT AT THE AMERICAN DREAM.

7:16:59

WE SHOULD ALWAYS CELEBRATE THE ROLES HBCU PLAY IN MOVING OUR NATION TO ITS FULL POTENTIAL.

7:17:06

THEY PRODUCE LEADERS IN EVERY FIELD IMAGINABLE INCLUDING

7:17:11

PUBLIC SERVICE. VICE PRESIDENT HARRIS IS A PROUD GRADUATE OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY.

7:17:16

SENIOR ADVISER CEDRIC RICHMOND AND HEAD OF EPA MICHAEL REAGAN ARE ALSO HBCU GRADS.

7:17:23

THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION HAS ALREADY DELIVERED A HISTORIC \$5.8 BILLION IN SUPPORT AND

7:17:30

INVESTMENTS TO HBCUs, AND STRENGTHENING HBCUs WILL

7:17:36

CONTINUE TO BE A PRIORITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION. IMAGINE HOW MUCH MORE CREATIVE

7:17:42

AND INNOVATIVE OUR NATION WOULD BE IF HBCUs HAD THE SAME FUNDING

7:17:48

AND ENDOWMENTS AS OUR INSTITUTIONS, IF THEY COULD COMPETE AGAINST UNIVERSITIES

7:17:54

WITH BIGGER LABS AND INCUBATORS FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS ON ISSUES LIKE CYBER SECURITY.

7:18:01

WE NEED TO TAP INTO ALL THAT TALENT AND THAT'S WHY THE BUILD BACK BETTER ACT WILL PROVIDE AN

7:18:09

ADDITIONAL \$2 BILLION DIRECTLY TO HBCUs AND ALLOW THEM TO COMPETE WITH SIMILAR GOALS

7:18:16

SKOO SCHOOLS FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$4 BILLION IN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS. BUILD BACK BETTER WILL ALSO

7:18:23

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE PELL GRANTS TO HELP MILLIONS OF BLACK STUDENTS AND LOWER INCOME

7:18:28

FAMILIES ATTEND COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND FOUR-YEAR SCHOOLS. AND THAT'S PARTICULARLY

7:18:35

IMPORTANT FOR HBCUs WHERE 75% OF STUDENTS RELY ON PELL GRANTS.

7:18:46

WE'LL NOW HEAR THE QUESTION FROM LALA YOURAY, A YOUTH AND WOMAN'S

7:18:52

ADVOCATE FROM THE GAMBIA. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

7:18:59

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM AMBASSADOR. IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO BE WITH

7:19:05

YOU AND ALL THE OTHER GLOBAL LEADERS ON HERE WITH US. AS WE ALL KNOW, AFRICA HAS THE

7:19:11

YOUNGEST POPULATION IN THE WORLD AND IT IS CLEAR THAT AFRICAN

7:19:17

YOUTH ARE THE KEY TO DEMOCRATIC REFORM. MY QUESTION IS HOW WILL THE UNITED STATES PARTNER WITH AFRICAN NATIONS TO TAP INTO THE

7:19:23

POTENTIAL OF YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE CONTINENT? >> THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT

7:19:30

QUESTION. IT'S EXTRAORDINARILY INSPIRING

7:19:36

AND YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE GAMBIA PROMOTING RIGHTS AND

7:19:42

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY IS TRULY IMPORTANT. THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IS ALIVE

7:19:47

WITH THE ENERGY AND THE TALENTS OF INCREDIBLE YOUNG PEOPLE AND

7:19:52

BY 2025, MORE THAN HALF THE POPULATION OF AFRICA WILL BE

7:19:57

UNDER AGE 25. THE POTENTIAL IS TRULY UNLIMITED

7:20:03

AND ALREADY, AS YOU KNOW, YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DRIVING ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

7:20:08

THAT HAS SPURRED IMPRESSIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH ACROSS THE

7:20:14

CONTINENT. YOU HAVE LED MOVEMENTS TO DEMAND FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, AND I AM ABSOLUTELY

7:20:21

CONFIDENT THAT YOUR PASSION AND TECHNICAL SKILLS WILL BRING A GREEN ENERGY REVOLUTION TO

7:20:28

AFRICA. WHEN WE LOOK AROUND THE WORLD AT SOME OF THE MOST PRESSING SHARED CHALLENGES THAT WE FACE, AFRICA

7:20:36

HAS A KEY ROLE TO PLAY, FROM BEATING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO

7:20:43

HALTING THE CLIMATE CRISIS, TO ADVANCING SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE.

7:20:50

THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTAND THE POSSIBILITIES THAT EXIST WITHIN SUCH A YOUNG, DYNAMIC CONTINENT

7:20:56

AND THAT'S WHY GOING BACK TO THE OBAMA/BIDEN ADMINISTRATION, WE HAVE FOCUSED ON ENGAGING AND

7:21:03

PARTNERING WITH AFRICAN YOUTH. PRESIDENT OBAMA LAUNCHED

7:21:08

LAUNCHED BOTH THE YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS INITIATIVE AND THE MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP

7:21:13

WHICH ARE STILL GOING STRONG AND BUILDING NETWORKS OF LEADERS

7:21:21

ACROSS AFRICA TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER. WE WILLEN TO LOOK FOR NEW WAYS TO EMPOWER NEW PEOPLE ACROSS THE

7:21:30

CONTINENT. TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE WE NEED TO PROMOTE GREATER INTERNET

7:21:35

ACCESS TO CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND ALLOW FOR GREATER ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND

7:21:41

RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE. THIS WILL ALSO HELP FACILITATE

7:21:47

GREATER PARTICIPATION BY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THEIR DEMOCRACIES. AND WE'VE SEEN THE POWER OF

7:21:53

AFRICAN YOUTH TO DRIVE DEMOCRATIC PROGRESS. THIS YEAR, IN ZAMBIA, YOUNG

7:21:59

PEOPLE HARNESSED THE POWER OF THEIR VOTE FOR THE FIRST TIME TURNING OUT IN RECORD NUMBERS TO

7:22:08

DENOUNCE CORRUPTION AND CHART A NEW PATH FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

7:22:15

KENYA'S ACTIVIST AND 2004 NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER SAID, IT'S THE LITTLE THINGS THAT CITIZENS

7:22:23

DO THAT THAT'S WHAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE. YOUR IDEAS WILL INSPIRE OTHERS

7:22:30

TO RENEW AND INVEST IN DEMOCRACY, AND I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH.

7:22:37

AND I WILL DO MY PART TO ENCOURAGE GOVERNMENTS, CIVIL SOCIETY AND PRIVATE SECTOR

7:22:44

ACROSS AFRICA TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE LIKE YOU HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE.

7:22:54

NEXT WE HAVE A QUESTION FROM

7:23:00

ISHMAIL OCAPO FROM COLOMBIA. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

7:23:06

>> Translator: THANK YOU. MY GREETINGS FROM THE PLACE WHERE COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA

7:23:12

EMBRACE EACH OTHER. WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO

7:23:20

EDUCATION, THEY HAVE ACCESS TO A FUTURE. IN COLOMBIA, THIS ACCESS TO

7:23:29

EDUCATION IS VERY LIMITED.

7:23:37

AT LEAST IN AREAS WHERE ARMED CONFLICT HAS BEEN AN ISSUE. HOW CAN WE ENSURE THAT ALL YOUNG

7:23:43

PEOPLE HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7:23:48

>> THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION, ISHMAIL. ACCESS TO EDUCATION IS KEY IN

7:23:54

HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN AND GROW AND ULTIMATELY, BUILD A MORE HOPEFUL AND PROSPEROUS

7:24:01

FUTURE FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES AND COUNTRIES. INDEED, CONFLICT AND NUMEROUS

7:24:08

OTHER FACTORS CAN LIMIT ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND IT'S IMPERATIVE TO

7:24:14

EXPAND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL. THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS NUMEROUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS OVERSEAS, FOCUSED ON INCREASING

7:24:21

ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION. IN 2020 ALONE, USAID PROVIDED

7:24:28

MORE THAN 24 MILLION CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN OVER 50 COUNTRIES WITH ACCESS TO EDUCATION.

7:24:34

WE ASSISTED MORE THAN 93,000 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS AT

7:24:39

THE PRE-PRY NARY, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LEVELS AND PROVIDED MORE THAN 580 HIGHER EDUCATION

7:24:50

UNITS WITH SUPPORT. IN COLOMBIA SPECIFICALLY WE SUPPORT THE EDUCATION SYSTEM TO PROVIDE SUSTAINABLE AND

7:24:56

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF ALL LEARNERS, INCLUDING MIGRANTS,

7:25:01

AND WHILE THESE NUMBERS ARE IMPRESSIVE, WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO MORE.

7:25:06

WE SHOULD MAKE SURE REFUGEES, INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND

7:25:14

OTHER MIGRANTS HAVE ACCESS TO EDUCATION. I WILL MENTION TO YOU I WAS JUST AT A REFUGEE CAMP IN JORDAN AND

7:25:19

WHAT I HEARD FROM YOUNG PEOPLE IS THE NEED FOR EDUCATION. THEY STRESS THEIR HIGH HOPES AND

7:25:25

DREAMS FOR THE FUTURE. AND AS THE PANDEMIC LAY BEAR, WE HAVE TO ADDRESS THE DIGITAL

7:25:31

DIVIDE AND MAKE SURE TECHNOLOGY IS UNIVERSALLY ACCESSIBLE, TO ENSURE NO CHILD IS LEFT BEHIND

7:25:38

THE NEXT TIME WE SEE SCHOOL CLOSURES. THERE'S WORK TO BE DONE ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE, BUT I ALSO

7:25:45

BELIEVE THAT WE'RE WORKING FROM AN INCREDIBLY STRONG BASE AND I CAN PROMISE YOU, WE WILL

7:25:50

CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THESE ISSUES. NOW LET'S HEAR FROM OUR

7:25:58

PARTICIPANT FROM KENYA, WILLIS

7:26:04

ONYANGO. THE FLOOR IS YOURS. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH. AMBASSADOR LINDA FOR ENGAGING US

7:26:10

AND INSPIRING US AND MOST IMPORTANTLY YOUR BELIEF IN THE

7:26:17

YOUTHFUL. NOW TODAY WE FIND MANY YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO ENGAGE IN

7:26:25

POLITICS, BUT THEY ARE UNCERTAIN BY THE NEGATIVE IMAGE THAT IS PROJECTED BY THE CURRENT POLITICAL ELITE AND THEIR

7:26:34

APPARENT ABILITY TO TACKLE MULTIPLE CRISES. WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT NONTRADITIONAL PATHS TO

7:26:41

POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND HOW EFFECTIVE ARE NONFORMAL

7:26:48

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN DEVELOPING DEMOCRATIC ATTITUDES PARTICULARLY AMONG YOUTH? THANK YOU.

7:26:53

>> THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION, WILLIS. I WILL TAKE YOUR LAST QUESTION FIRST. DEMOCRATIC ATTITUDES CAN COME

7:27:01

FROM ANYWHERE. THE FORMAL EDUCATION SYSTEM CAN CERTAINLY FOSTER DEMOCRATIC VALUES, BUT THOSE WHO DEVELOP

7:27:07

THEIR OPINIONS THROUGH LESS TRADITIONAL EDUCATIONAL APPROACHES CAN ABSOLUTELY ADOPT

7:27:14

DEMOCRATIC NORMS AND VALUES. AND I WILL TELL YOU, I SAW PEOPLE IN LIBERIA, WOMEN IN THE

7:27:21

MARKETPLACE, VOTING. THEY DIDN'T HAVE FORMAL EDUCATION BUT THEY HAD VALUES

7:27:27

AND THEY HAD A COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION, AND LIKEWISE, INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE RAISED IN

7:27:34

NON-DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES MAY EMBRACE DEMOCRACY AS THE WAY FORWARD, EVEN IF FORMALLY

7:27:39

EDUCATED TO THINK OTHERWISE. THERE IS NO ONE PATH.

7:27:44

THE MORE WE REMEMBER THAT, THE MORE LIKELY WE ARE TO END UP WITH A DIVERSE GOVERNMENT THAT

7:27:52

ACTUALLY REFLECTS A COUNTRY'S POPULATION. YOU ALSO ASKED ABOUT

7:27:57

NONTRADITIONAL PATHS TO POLITICAL LEADERSHIP. AND MY ANSWER IS SIMILAR. GREAT LEADERS CAN COME FROM

7:28:04

ANYWHERE. THE MORE WE ENCOURAGE THAT, THE MORE LIKELY WE ARE TO HAVE

7:28:10

LEADERS THAT LOOK LIKE US AND BETTER REFLECT THE COMMUNITY THEY SERVE.

7:28:15

FINALLY, WE NEED TO GET AND KEEP YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN POLITICS TO BREAK THAT ELITE CAPTURE YOU

7:28:22

REFERENCE. THE UNITED STATES MANAGES A RANGE OF YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES TO HELP EMPOWER THE

7:28:28

NEXT GENERATION, INCLUDING AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP UNDER THE

7:28:34

YOUNG AFRICAN LEADERS INITIATIVE, THE YOUNG SOUTHWEST ASIAN LEADERS INITIATIVE, THE

7:28:40

YOUNG PACIFIC LEADERS, THE YOUNG LEADERS OF THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE AND THE YOUNG

7:28:46

TRANSATLANTIC INNOVATIVE LEADERS INITIATIVE. SO WE'RE WORKING ON THESE ISSUES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO

7:28:51

CONTINUING TO WORK WITH YOU.

7:28:56

>>> NOW LET ME TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU FOR

7:29:02

SPENDING SO MUCH TIME TOGETHER WITH ME TODAY AND FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY WORK THAT EACH OF

7:29:08

YOU IS LEADING IN YOUR HOME COUNTRIES. EACH OF YOU HAS A ROLE TO PLAY

7:29:16

TO HELP REALIZE THE PROMISE OF DEMOCRACY IN YOUR COUNTRIES AND AROUND THE WORLD.

7:29:23

TO ENSURE WE ARE DRAWING ON OUR FULL STRENGTHS, TAPPING THE

7:29:28

TALENTS OF ALL OF OUR CITIZENS, AND DELIVERING FOR OUR PEOPLE.

7:29:35

I LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WE'RE GOING TO BUILD TOGETHER BECAUSE ALL OF YOU FILL ME WITH

7:29:42

SUCH HOPE. YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD, YOU'RE PART OF -- YOUR APART OF

7:29:52

GENERATIONS THAT IS THE BEST EDUCATED. YOU'RE THE MOST ENGAGED.

7:29:58

YOU'RE THE MOST TOLERANT IN ALL OF OUR HUMAN HISTORY.

7:30:03

IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING WE NEED YOU, SO PLEASE STAY ENGAGED.

7:30:09

PLEASE STAY PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ISSUES YOU ARE WORKING ON.

7:30:14

WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7:31:06

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7:32:03

>>> HUMAN BEINGS SUFFER, THEY TORTURE ONE ANOTHER AND GET HURT AND GET HARD.

7:32:10

NO POEM, PLAY OR SONG CAN FULLY RIGHT A WRONG INFLICTED AND

7:32:16

ENDURED. THE INNOCENT IN JAILS BEAT ON THEIR BARS TOGETHER. A HUNGER STRIKER'S FATHER STAND

7:32:22

IN THE GRAVEYARD. THE POLICE WIDOW FAINTS AT THE

7:32:29

FUNERAL HOME. HISTORY SAYS DON'T HOPE ON THIS SIDE OF THE GRAVE. BUT THEN, ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME,

7:32:36

THE LONG FOR TIDAL WAVE OF JUSTICE CAN RISE UP AND HOPE AND

7:32:41

HISTORY RHYME, SO HOPE FOR A GREAT SEA CHANGE ON THE FAR SIDE OF REVENGE, BELIEVE THAT A

7:32:48

FURTHER SHORE IS REACHABLE FROM HERE, BELIEVE IN MIRACLES AND

7:32:53

CURES AND HEALING WELLS. CALL MIRACLE SELF-HEALING, UTTER

7:32:59

SELF-REVEALING DOUBLE TAKE OF FEELING. IF THERE'S FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN OR LIGHTENING AND
STORM, A GOD

7:33:06

SPEAKS FROM THE SKY, THAT MEANS SOMEONE IS HEARING THE OUTCRY

7:33:11

AND BIRTH CRY OF NEW LIFE AT ITS TERM AND ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME THAT JUSTICE CAN RISE UP AND
HOPE AND

7:33:23

HISTORY RHYME.

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7:34:39

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7:34:54

>>> ACROSS THIS PLANET, NATIONS AND PEOPLE ARE UNITED BY THE

7:35:00

VALUES WE SHARE AND A FUNDAMENTAL CONVICTION THAT THE SUREST PATH TO LASTING PEACE,

7:35:06

PROSPERITY AND FREEDOM IS A GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE.

7:35:15

BUT FAITH AND DEMOCRACY IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF ITS SURVIVAL. THROUGHOUT HISTORY, AND STILL

7:35:20

TODAY, WE HAVE FACED CHALLENGES TO THE PILARS OF SELF-RULE,

7:35:25

SUPPRESSION OF DISSENT, SHADOWY CORRUPTION THAT STEALS RESOURCES

7:35:31

AND SOWS MISTRUST AND ABUSE OF DEMOCRATIC VALUES IN THE MAKE IT PURSUIT OF POWER.

7:35:37

AND AS TECHNOLOGY TRANSFORMS THE POSSIBILITIES FOR SELF-RULE AND CIVIC LIFE, WE MUST NEVER FAIL

7:35:44

TO LOCK ARMS IN DEFENSE OF OUR DEMOCRATIC VALUES.

7:35:50

TODAY AND TOMORROW, AT HOME AND WHEREVER DEMOCRACY IS UNDER

7:35:55

THREAT. AS THOSE COMMITTED TO STRENGTHENING THE WORLD'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS FROM

7:36:02

GOVERNMENT, FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, FROM CIVIL SOCIETY, WE

7:36:10

JOIN TOGETHER TO LISTEN, TO SHARE, AND TO RENEW OUR PLEDGE

7:36:16

SO THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY WITH CONVICTION, WITH

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DETERMINATION, AND CONFIDENT IN THE PRINCIPLES THAT WILL CONTINUE TO GUIDE OUR PROGRESS,

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TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT, JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW, RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN

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RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE. THE FUTURE WILL ALWAYS BELONG TO

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THOSE WHO EMBRACE HUMAN DIGNITY AND COMMIT TO UNLEASHING THE POTENTIAL OF THEIR PEOPLE.

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DEMOCRACY IS HOW WE REACH THAT FUTURE TOGETHER.

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♪ >>> LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE

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WELCOME, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, JOSEPH R. BIDEN

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>>> SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY AND FOR RENEWING OUR DEDICATION TO THE SHARED VALUES THAT ARE THE ROOT

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OF OUR NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STRENGTH. IN THE LEAD UP TO THIS GATHERING OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS WE'VE

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HEARD GOVERNMENT LEADERS, AS WELL AS DEMOCRATIC REFORMERS,

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FROM EVERY REGION OF THE WORLD TALK ABOUT THE CHALLENGES DEMOCRACY IS FACING AND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ITS RENEWAL.

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WE FACILITATED CONVERSATIONS AND CONNECTIONS AMONG MAYORS AROUND THE GLOBE FROM MESA, ARIZONA, TO

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MANHIME, GERMANY AND OTHER LEADERS WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINES OF DEMONSTRATING THE POWER

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OF DEMOCRACY THROUGH LOCAL GOVERNANCE. WE'VE SHOWN A SPOTLIGHT ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING MEDIA

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FREEDOM AND HOW ADVANCING THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IS AN INVESTMENT IN THE SUCCESS FOR

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OUR DEMOCRACIES. WE FOCUSED ON THE NEED TO EMPOWER HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

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AND MAKE SURE TECHNOLOGICAL AND -- TECHNOLOGY ENABLES SO MUCH OF OUR LIVES THAT IS USED

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TO ADVANCE DEMOCRACIES TO LIFT PEOPLE UP, NOT TO HOLD THEM DOWN.

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WE'VE HEARD THE CONCERNS OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD A GREATER STAKE IN THE FUTURE THAN

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ANYONE ELSE AND THEY'VE MADE THAT CLEAR, ABOUT WHAT MATTERS TO THEM MOST AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO MAKE SURE THEIR VOICES

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ARE INCLUDED IN OUR DEMOCRACIES. AND THOUGH EACH OF OUR NATIONS

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FACES UNIQUE CHALLENGE, AND MANY OF THE SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT, THE THREAT WE

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FACE AND THE SOLUTIONS WE SEEK,

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HAVE A COMMON ADSEEDENT. THIS IS NOT A STRUGGLE OF ANY

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ONE OF US FACING ALONE, IT'S ALL OF US. THE COMMITMENTS WE'VE MADE TO ONE ANOTHER WILL NOT ONLY

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STRENGTHEN OUR OTHER DEMOCRACY BUT PUSHING BACK AGAINST AU TOCK

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SKRA CAL CRACIES AND PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS, THIS WILL IMPROVE AROUND

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THE WORLD. I'M ENCOURAGED BY THE ENERGY AND ENTHUSIASM WE'VE SEEN TO RALLY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD IN

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SUPPORT OF OUR SHARED DEMOCRATIC VALUES. JUST ONE EXAMPLE, IN ADVANCE OF

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THE SUMMIT THE PRESIDENTS OF PANAMA COSTA RICA AND THE

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DOMINICA REPUBLIC FORMED AN ALLIANCE TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS TO COOPERATE, TO COOPERATE ON

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TRANSPARNS PAPERSY, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND THROUGHOUT THE REGION. THIS IS SORT OF INSPIRING

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COMMITMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT I HOPE WE'LL SEE MORE AS WE UNDERTAKE THIS ISSUE IN THE NEXT YEAR OF ACTION.

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I HOPE THAT EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES ARE GOING TO MEASURE THE RESULTS OF OUR EFFORTS SO THAT WE CAN REPORT BACK ON OUR

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PROGRESS AT A SECOND SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY NEXT YEAR

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FOR OUR PART, AS I SAID YESTERDAY, THE YOUNITED STATES

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COMMIT TODAY STRENGTHENING OUR DEMOCRACY AT AT HOME AND WORKING WITH PARTIES AROUND THE GLOBE TO

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PROVE THAT DEMOCRACIES CAN DELIVER FOR PEOPLE ON ISSUES THAT MATTER MOST TO THEM.

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HERE AT HOME, THAT MEANS MAKING REAL THE FULL PROMISE OF AMERICA, INCLUDING THE FREEDOM

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TO VOTE ACT AND THE JOHN LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ACT. BECAUSE WHAT'S TRUE IN THE WORLD

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IS TRUE IN THE UNITED STATES, THE SACRED RIGHT TO VOTE, TO VOTE FREELY. THE RIGHT TO HAVE YOUR VOTE

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COUNTED IS THE THRESHOLD LIBERTY FOR DEMOCRACY, ANY DEMOCRACY. WITHOUT IT VIRTUALLY NOTHING IS

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POSSIBLE SO WE HAVE TO COME TOGETHER AND GET IT DONE, AND WE WILL. THE UNITED STATES IS ALSO GOING TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BEAT THE

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PANDEMIC, WORKING WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION, COVAX AND

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OTHER PARTNERS TO SAVE LIVES, VACCINATE THE WORLD AGAINST COVID-19 AND ADVANCE HEALTH SECURITY FOR EVERYONE.

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WE'RE LEVERAGING OUR DEMOCRATIC PARTNERS LIKE THE G 7 TO AMPLIFY OUR SHARED CAPACITY TO DELIVER

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VACCINES AND GET SHOTS IN ARMS FOR EVERYONE, EVERYWHERE. WE'RE TAKING ON THE CLIMATE

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CRISIS WITH A SERIOUSNESS AND URGENCY, RESPONDING WITH MORAL CLARITY WE'RE SEEING COMING FROM

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YOUNG PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. WE'RE FIRING THE DEMOCRATIC VALUES THAT ARE AT THE HEART OF

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OUR INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM AND WHICH HAVE BEEN THE FOUNDATIONAL ELEMENTS FOR DECADES OF GLOBAL

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GROWTH AND PROSPERITY. AND WE'RE COMMITTING -- WE'RE COMMITTED TO WORKING WITH ALL

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WHO SHARE THOSE VALUES TO SHAPE THE RULES OF THE ROAD THAT ARE GOING TO GOVERN OUR PROGRESS IN

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THE 21ST CENTURY, INCLUDING ISSUES OF CYBER SECURITY AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CONTINUE TO

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REAP THE AGBENEFITS OF LIBERTY D DEMOCRACY AS WE HAVE. THE FINAL MESSAGE I WANT TO

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IMPART AS WE CLOSE OUT THE SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY IS THAT WE KNOW HOW HARD THE WORK IS THAT'S

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GOING TO BE AHEAD OF US. BUT WE ALSO KNOW WE ARE UP TO THE CHALLENGE, BECAUSE I'VE SAID

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BEFORE, AND AS THIS GATHERING HAS DEMONSTRATED, THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD IS EVERYWHERE.

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AUTOCRACIES CAN NEVER EXTINGUISH THE EMBER OF LIBERTY THAT BURNS

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IN HEARTS AROUND THE WORLD IN EVERY PART OF THE WORLD. IT KNOWS NO BORDERS, IT SPEAKS

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EVERY LANGUAGE, IT LIVES IN ANTI-CORRUPTION ACTIVISTS, HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, JOURNALISTS,

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PEACEFUL PROTESTERS AND THE FRONT LINES AROUND THE WORLD THAT LIVE IN TOWN COUNCIL

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MEETINGS, UNION ELECTION, DAILY SMALL ACTIONS AROUND THE GLOBE WHEN PEOPLE COME TOGETHER TO

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SOLVE PROBLEMS AND DIFFERENCES. AND EVERY WAY INDIVIDUALS HAVE A DIRECT SAY ON THE ISSUES THAT

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IMPACT ON THEIR LIVES, IMPACT ON THEM PERSONALLY. SO DEFENDING DEMOCRACY DEMANDS A

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WHOLE OF SOCIETY EFFORT, REQUIRES ALL OF US, THE LEADERS OF GOVERNMENTS WE HAVE A

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RESPONSIBILITY TO LISTEN TO OUR CITIZENS, TO STRENGTHEN THE GUARDRAILS OF DEMOCRACY AND TO

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DRIVE REFORMS THAT ARE GOING TO MAKE TRANSPARENT ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENTS MORE RESILIENT

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AGAINST THE BUFFETTING FORCES

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AWE YOU THE CRACK SI. WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD MORE ECCABCCOU EQUITABLE

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AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR ACTIONS ALIGN WITH OUR WORDS. AS WE CLOSE OUT THE FIRST

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GATHERING, LET'S TOGETHER REAFFIRM OUR DETERMINATION.

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THAT THE FUTURE WILL BELONG TO THOSE WHO EMBRACE HUMAN DIGNITY, NOT THOSE WHO TRAMABLE IT. WHO UNLEASH THE POTENTIAL OF THE

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PEOPLE, NOT THOSE WHO STIFLE IT AND WHO GIVE THEIR PEOPLE THE ABILITY TO BREATHE FREE NOT

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THOSE WHO SEEK TO SUFFOCATE THEIR PEOPLE WITH AN IRON HAND. YOU KNOW, AS THE GREAT IRISH

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POET SEAMUS HANNY ONCE WROTE ONCE IN A LIFETIME A TIDAL WAIVE

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OF JUSTICE CAN MOVE UP AND HOPE AND HISTORY ARRIVE.

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THAT TIDAL WAVE DOESN'T COME OUT OF NOWHERE.

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IT HAPPENS BECAUSE PEOPLE UNLEASH THE POWER OF THEIR DREAMS AND DETERMINATION.

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IT'S WHAT MAKES HOPE AND HISTORY POSSIBLE. AND TODAY HOPE AND HISTORY LIE

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IN OUR HANDS. SO LET'S RAISE UP OUR AMBITIONS AND RISE UP TO MEET THE CHALLENGES TOGETHER.

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THANK YOU I LOOK FORWARD TO FOLLOWING THROUGH THE NEXT YEAR ON ALL THE COMMITMENTS WE'RE MAKING INDIVIDUALLY. THANK YOU.

End of Day Two (the last day)